

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 2013

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The Regular Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Szymanski at 6:05 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office at the East Windsor High School, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Szymanski, Commissioners Balch and Simpkins; Park Director Maltese and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office. Also Board of Selectmen Representative, James Richards.

**ABSENT:** No one

**GUESTS:** None

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

A quorum was established as three commission members were present.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To **APPROVE** minutes of January 14, 2013 Regular Meeting as written.

**Balch moved/Simpkins seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

No added agenda items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. BMX Skateboard Park

No report this evening.

b. East Windsor Dog Park

No report this evening

**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

c. Disc Golf

Brian Donnelly advised the Commission on progress of proposed Disc Golf course. He has walked the property with Director Maltese and Robin Newton from Inland Wetlands Watercourse.

Brian is obtaining information on the matching basket program with the Professional Disc Golf Association. The galvanized steel baskets cost \$300 each.

Chairman Szymanski asked if there has been consideration to establish a Committee for fundraising, maintenance, clean up etc. Mr. Donnelly felt if this project goes forward that will be investigated.

The next step is to submit request to Planning and Zoning for an 824 referral then to the Selectmen for approval. A Committee can then be formed to start fundraising with the Committee to be under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

All funds funneled through Parks and Recreation and all donations would be tax deductible. It will be necessary to approach the Skateboard Park Committee on sharing the parking lot.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Financial Accounts Review

Director Maltese handed out the February Budget by Department and explained to the Commissioners the establishment of the Part-Time Grounds salary line item.

**MOTION: To ACCEPT to the February Budget by Department report.**

**Balch moved/Simpkins seconded/VOTE: Unanimous**

b. Kid's Fishing Derby

The Parks and Recreation Department along with the Broad Brook Angling Club will be sponsoring the Fishing Derby at East Windsor Park on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Director Maltese is requesting a contribution of \$250.00 to the Broad Brook Angling Club as a contribution to fishing prizes.

**MOTION: To APPROVE a contribution to the Broad Brook Angling Club as a contribution to fishing prizes.**

**Balch moved/Simpkins seconded/VOTE: Unanimous**

**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

c. East Windsor Park – Non-Resident Policy

Director Maltese distributed a comparison of surrounding towns with water facilities as to how they allow/charge non-residents to use their facilities. Director Maltese is submitting consideration of opening East Windsor Park to non-residents midweek, Monday through Thursday. No buses will be allowed and the attendance will be limited on the beach according to the lifeguard staff on duty.

Presently we have no Water Safety Instructor (WSI) for 2013 swim lessons which will result in a loss of revenue at the Park. Chairman Szymanski asked about the availability of an “adult” present in the Park to address issues as they arise. Mr. Richards asked about seeking a senior volunteer.

After discussion it was voted:

**MOTION: To OPEN East Windsor Park to non-residents, Monday through Thursday for a fee of \$5.00 per adult (age 18- 59); \$3.00 for children (ages 6 – 17); seniors free (ages 60+) and children free (ages 5 and under).**

**Balch moved/Simpkins seconded/VOTE: Unanimous**

d. Park Director’s Report

Director Maltese advised the Commission of the upcoming events:

The Annual Panther Plunge event will be held at East Windsor Park on Saturday, March 16, 2013. The Student Government will be participating this year.

The Class of 2013 and East Windsor High School Alumni basketball game will be held Friday, March 15, 2013 with a Make Your Own Sunday to follow in the cafeteria. The Girl’s game is at 6:00 p.m. with the Boy’s to follow at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students with all proceeds going to the Safe Graduation fund.

The Kid’s Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at East Windsor Park. Director Maltese is asking for a \$250.00 contribution to the Broad Brook Angling Club for fishing prizes.

The Dance Recital will be held on Friday, May 10, 2013 at East Windsor High School.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Broad Brook Elementary School. The road in front of the school will be closed off for the day for the Block Party. The theme is “Community Spirit, Drive Time

**NEW BUSINESS d) Park Director's Report (continued):**

Band will perform, the Town Hall facility will be open and available and the Booster Club is doing a food booth. This year the cost for a food booth is 10% of proceeds.

The Men's Softball League is looking for more teams. A team meeting is to be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Director Maltese reported that the 2013-2014 Budget presentation went well.

Pavilion rentals at East Windsor Park are progressing with most Saturdays in June already booked.

The Summer Camp program begins in July with registration to begin on May 1, 2013.

**MOTION: To APPROVE the contribution of \$250.00 to the Kid's Fishing Derby for prizes.**

**Simpkins moved/Balch seconded/VOTE: Unanimous**

**MOTION: To ACCEPT the Park Director's report as presented.**

**Balch moved/Simpkins seconded/VOTE: Unanimous**

**Abbe Road Soccer Complex/Broad Brook Pond/ Pierce Memorial Park (Windsorville)/Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point)/Warehouse Point (Osborn Field) Park:**

No discussion this evening.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Chairman Szymanski acknowledged the great job Coaches Robert Lengel and Melissa Maltese did in coaching the East Windsor High School's girl's basketball team and their showing in the State tournament. Congratulations to all!

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Bills were signed by Commissioner Simpkins.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office at the High School unless a Special Meeting is needed to address Budget matters.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: To ADJOURN meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Simpkins moved/Balch seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Lou Morell  
Recording Secretary