

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
June 10, 2013

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The Special Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Szymanski at 6:00 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 Bagdikian; Park Director Maltese and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office. Also in attendance Board of Selectmen Representative, James Richards. Commissioner Robert Leach arrived at 6:10 p.m.

ABSENT: Commissioner Simpkins.

GUESTS: None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Director Maltese introduced the newly appointed Commission members Karla Bagdikian and Robert Leach. They will each serve a three-year term.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as four commission members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of March 11, 2013 Regular Meeting as written.

Balch moved/Szymanski seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

No added agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. BMX Skateboard Park

No report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

b. East Windsor Dog Park

A May 18, 2013 fundraiser dog swim was held at East Windsor Park. The Dog Park reopened on May 13, 2013 and two new benches were purchased with their fundraising funds. New signs have been ordered and waiting for PZC approval for installation. A free instructional class will be offered at the Dog Park by Camp Bow Wow on how to deal with dog situations that may arise at the Park. One incident has occurred at the Park that involved dogs and their handlers for which an accident report was filed. Whistles and air horns could be maintained at the Park and an additional suggestion was to throw water at animal to deflect their attention.

c. Disc Golf

No report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Financial Accounts Review

Director Maltese handed out the May Budget by Department. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2013.

MOTION: To ACCEPT to the May Budget by Department report.

Balch moved/Bagdikian seconded/VOTE: Unanimous

b. Vandalism at East Windsor Park

Director Maltese reported at East Windsor Park the lights at both the basketball court and tennis courts were damaged. Copper tubing was stolen from the water fountain at the ball field, shingles and roof vents were damaged on the Snack Bar and the copper water spigot was removed from the pavilion.

c. Scoreboard Update at Abbe Road

Director Maltese informed the Commission that the trench for the electric supply to the scoreboard will be dug by the Town and ECI will lay the conduit.

d. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese reported on the Chestnut Brook Project to improve the water quality at East Windsor Park. There is a geese issue at the feeder pond. A grant through CCD, NCCD and DEEP for \$25,000 was awarded to plant around the pond to deter the geese and filter the water. A master gardener will design a plan.

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

A matching grant is needed and the Town can use the \$200,000 mitigation project that was required of Wal-Mart to address issues on the Kogut property for the match.

Summer Hiring: Much of the staff is returning. The waterfront is not open as yet and the water quality did not pass standards. Water will be retested Tuesday, June 11, 2013 and we asked to have it retested on Thursday if the water quality fails on Tuesday. We would like to open on June 15, 2013.

All lifeguards are back however we do not have a WSI (Water Safety Instructor) so swimming lessons are not offered at this time. Director Maltese is looking for a class to have a guard certified and is also asking adjoining towns to share an instructor.

We have 11 participants in the C.I.T. (Counselor-in-training) program for ages 14 and 15. We have hired our first CIT as a full time staffer who also was a former camper.

Eleven staff members will be attending Camp College, which is a one-day training session.

DCF will conduct training for camp personnel on mandated reporting which is required by staff. All staff must have CPR/First Aid Certification. A group class is scheduled for June 23, 2013 at the Broad Brook Fire House and will be conducted by a member of the East Windsor Ambulance. It is a two-year certification which comprises of an on-line class for \$39 and a physical session for \$40.

East Windsor Park opens full-time on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. The snack bar will open on Thursday, June 27, 2013. Camp begins on Monday, July 1, 2013.

Men's Softball has completed three games in four weeks. Six teams will play 15 games each of regular play. Playoff's will begin the second week of August.

At Warehouse Point Park, the exterior door and lock at the snack bar was replaced along locks on the bathrooms as well.

Director Maltese reminded Commissioners that the Budget Referendum is Tuesday, June 11, 2013. She is anxious to see how Parks and Recreation will be affected for 2013-2014.

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

Balch moved/Bagdikian seconded/VOTE: Unanimous

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

No discussion this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills were signed by Commissioner Balch.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, July 8, 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 6:41 p.m.

Balch moved/Bagdikian seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, _____

Mary Lou Morell
Recording Secretary