

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
February 10, 2014

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A Special Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Szymanski at 6:07 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 Bagdikian, Leach and Simpkins; Selectman Richards; Park Director Maltese and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office.

ABSENT: Commissioner Balch (scheduled absence).

GUESTS: Selectman Dale Nelson.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as four commission members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting as written.

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

PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT:

Director Maltese stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission is to develop a “wish list” for conservation and development for the next 5, 10, 15 year plan. Selectman Richards stated to include items and areas of concern that the Commission would like to see and support. This would include earmarking areas of interest for activities.

After discussion it was agreed that the Commission would support the following development and improvements:

- **Construct/establish a Community Center with potential to add a swimming pool**
- **Develop more passive walking trails**

PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (continued):

- **Improvements for access to both the Connecticut and Scantic Rivers**
- **Clean up and dredge the Broad Brook Pond to include the parking area and establish trails along its border**
- **Dredge the East Windsor Park reservoir**
- **Basketball court expansion at East Windsor Park**
- **Construct a splash pad at East Windsor Park**
- **Passive recreation opportunities at Kogut Property**

BUDGET PROPOSAL PROCESS:

This Agenda item was requested by Commissioner Leach who expressed concern as to how the Budget for 2014-2015 was handled at the last meeting. He would like to see a budget workshop established to understand what is in the budget, have time to scrutinize the budget and review it 30-days prior to submitting it to the Selectmen. Commissioner Szymanski stated that the budget is reviewed at each meeting and discussion is always open to answer any questions anyone may have. It is an on-going process. Commissioner Leach felt that handing the budget out at a meeting without having time to review its content was not adequate.

Director Maltese stated that changes could be made to the submitted budget prior to the formal presentation date of February 26, 2014.

After further discussion:

MOTION: To RECEIVE & REVIEW all future Budgets two weeks prior to meeting and submission to the Selectmen.

Leach moved/Bagdikian seconded/VOTE: Bagdikian, Leach and Szymanski approved. Abstained: Simpkins

C.I.P. PROPOSAL PROCESS:

This Agenda item was requested by Commissioner Leach. Again the same concerns about formulating the C.I.P. Budget and having an opportunity to discuss its content and review it prior to submitting to the Selectmen.

Director Maltese stated that she is paid to do this job and knows what needs to be considered and presented on behalf of the Department. In many cases, it is the same projects year after year which may or may not receive any funding. Director Maltese formally presented the C.I.P. Budget on January 29, 2014.

C.I.P. PROPOSAL PROCESS (continued):

Chairman Szymanski stated that with the many years of experience that many Commissioners have, the C.I.P. budget is not an arduous task.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills were signed by Commissioner Simpkins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not Held.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, _____
Mary Lou Morell
Recording Secretary

