

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING
November 14, 2016

Subject to Commission Approval

The Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 6:07 PM in the Parks and Recreation office, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT

PRESENT: Chairman Szymanski; Commissioners Bagdikian and Leach; Director Maltese, A. Irene Mosher and Samantha Wilson from the Park and Rec Office.

ABSENT: Commissioners Simpkins due to Medical exception and Cruz; Liaison Deputy First Selectman Pippin

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as three (3) Commissioners were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting as written.

Bagdikian moved/ Leach second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. East Windsor Dog Park
The Commissioners were given a financial report for the Dog Park. Despite the fact of inclement weather for the 3rd year in a row, Barktoberfest was deemed a success. The current balance in the Dog Park Account is \$15,803. They are planning to do some updates and improvements. An Eagle Scout project of a walkway and bench will be completed this week.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of new employee.
Samantha Wilson has joined the department Aquatic/Youth programs supervisor. She was previously employed with both the Old Saybrook and Manchester Park and Rec departments.
- b. Financial accounts review
The Commissioners were given a copy of the department financial statement as of November 7, 2016.

**MOTION: To ACCEPT the financial report as presented.
Leach moved/Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

c. 2017 Meeting Dates.

The Commissioners were given the proposed dates for meeting to be held in 2017.

**MOTION: to ACCEPT Meeting dates for 2017 as presented.
Bagdikian moved/Leach second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

d. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese reminded the Commission of the discussion regarding the non-resident policy at East Windsor Park. All Commissioner present felt it would be a good idea to open the Park to outsiders as long as control could be maintained. Director Maltese and the building inspector are working on determining the exact number of parking space are available which will determine capacity. The members were asked to give thought to the best way to proceed and the matter would be presented in a formal motion at the January 2017 meeting.

C.I.P: Director Maltese reported that 2 of the 6 requests for funding were included in the first round prioritized list. The basketball court at Pierce Park and the drainage at East Windsor Park.

The Dance program has started for this year with an increase in registrations. Included this year is a therapeutic recreation dance class for 2 students with physical limitations. They are being sponsored by Abby's Helping hands.

The annual Carol Sing and Light Parade will be held on December 17, 2016. The parade will begin at 5:30 PM starting from the Middle School and coming up Main Street to the Broad Brook Fire Station. Donations of canned good will be accepted to benefit the Five Corner Cupboard Food Pantry.

The Hunger Action Team is working to begin a new town based program to combat hunger in children. Power Pack backpacks will be put in the back packs of children who qualify for the program at the Broad Brook School. The backpacks will contain various food items for weekend meals including: mac and cheese, tuna fish, a breakfast food, etc. Occasionally there will also be items from local dentist and doctors. It will also be a communication tool with helpful information for the

parents. Both the Board of Education and the Board of Selectman have approved the project. The target start is January 2017. The pack will be assembled by the Transition Learning Team on Thursday and delivered to Broad Brook Elementary School.

ERASE Grant: Director Maltese stated that there will be a Community Conversation, an open discussion about Opioid & Heroin Addiction held on Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30-8:30 pm at East Windsor High School. This is to be the first of many open forums for parents and students to learn and be engaged in open discussions concerning drugs/alcohol/bullying and much more. Panelists will include: John Lally, APRN-President of Today I Matter; Stan Shapiro, LCSW and Senior VP-Community Health Resources-Mental Health and Addiction Services; Wayne Kowal, CT State Police Training Program Coordinator for the Statewide Narcotics Task Force; Susan Wolf, PhD Department of Mental Health and Addition Services; Janette Webb, Narcotics Anonymous-Recovery Steps.

In December, letters will be sent out to previous staff requesting information concerning the intention of working at East Windsor Park during the 2017 season. The Facebook and Twitter accounts are doing well and have become a good means of communication.

Abbe Road Soccer Complex/Broad Brook Pond Park/ /Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point)/Warehouse Point (Osborne Field) Park:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Director's report as presented:

Bagdikian moved/Leach second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

Director Maltese stated that the department had received a "Thank You" from the Community Committee for the use of East Windsor Park this year. They also included their dates for next two years: Saturday, September 23, 2017 and Saturday, September 22, 2018 and asked that the Park be reserved for them.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were approved by Commissioner Bagdikian

ADJOURMENT

MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:37 pm

Leach moved/Bagdikian second/Vote: In favor Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Alma Irene Mosher
Recording Secretary