

EAST WINDSOR BMX & SKATEPARK

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, May 22, 2023

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING – Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., Park Hill Community Room, 1A Park Hill, Broad Brook, CT

ATTENDANCE

Allyson Crockett, Brenda Crockett, Dave Crockett, Lori Gabriel, Laura Harney and Marisa Prior attended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Recap of the Golf Tournament at Grassmere, May 20, 2023 – It was a huge success in that even though it POURED all day, almost all players showed up and everyone had such a great time! In addition, we raised a total of over \$3,000 for the park! Thank you to Laura for spearheading this great idea and to the rest of our group and families as well who worked so hard to pull this together. What a great team we have!
- (2) Lori, Marisa and Brenda attended the EW Greater Together Community Fund Reception on May 8th for those volunteer committees who received grants. It was such a nice event with celebration and refreshments and where each volunteer group was able to showcase their cause. It was wonderful to see such a small community so rich in passion for the greater good. It was also very interesting to hear what each group works so passionately on. (Two of us also signed up at this event for a future Grant Writing workshop to be provided by a professional CREC grant writer.)
- (3) Wall of Fame – We were hopeful Doug Haines, “Eventease” from Ellington would join us as scheduled, but he was again unable to. He offered hope of a cost-free, online website as well as a way to build a virtual wall of fame and track and automate all the event planning and payments received for our fundraising events. Since he still has not come to present as required for committee review, discussion and vote, we will move on to new ideas.
- (4) New Equipment Order – After review of options and diagrams to decide which equipment we could order with our current funds, we voted to purchase that which will finish the west end of the park layout from the original design. Dave Crockett made the motion, Brenda seconded it and all were in favor.
- (5) National Night Out @Res by Park & Rec – August and EW Historical Society Ice Cream Social – Sept. We discussed whether or not we will participate in each event but are still undecided. We will decide by July meeting whether or not to participate in one, both or neither.

(6) Fundraising

- Initial planning for our 12th Annual Rubber Duck Race to be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023 was discussed. Roles and responsibilities were agreed to by all. Further details and updates to be provided at future committee meetings by each member.
- We talked about scheduling a Paint & Sip event in the Fall – Rebecca to price out the new venue for this on Main Street in Broad Brook (owned and operated by resident, Mr. Camp), as well as a few other options for committee presentation and vote at our August meeting.
- Clothing merchandise with park logo – Brenda will shop around for prices.

(7) August Open House at the Park – We are planning an open house at the park once we determine when we can place the equipment order and when it can be installed. This is key to when we will hold the event. Brenda will place the equipment order with American Ramp Company and request date for delivery and installation. The purpose of this event is to promote the BMX and Skateboarding sports to the youth in our community and draw them to the park for this purpose, providing new outlets for fun, physical, social activities that these sports offer.

(8) As required by First Selectman Bowsza, each committee member was given a copy of the SEXUAL and OTHER UNLAWFUL HARRASSMENT POLICY which I e-mailed to all members prior to the meeting. It was requested that each committee member sign, date and return an acknowledgement of receipt of this policy to the First Selectman’s office. All members did so at this meeting and I hand-delivered them to the First Selectman’s office on May 23, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS/STILL TO BE DONE

- (1) Try to attend a Park & Rec Commission Meeting to seek their support for our park. Next meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2023. (See if we need to get on the agenda or do we just participate in “Open to the Public” portion of meeting?)
- (2) Marisa suggested getting a student petition showing support for the completion of the Park, to be signed at the Middle and High schools. She is handling Superintendent approval and Brenda will talk to Allyson about getting signatures during lunch waves at the high school.
- (3) Dunkin to post their banner at our park in the coming months in return for a \$400 donation to our Park.
- (4) Rebecca to spearhead and advertise September 9th bottle drive.
- (5) Brenda to price park benches w/in the \$400 price limit donated by the Brunelle family in memory of Tom Kalmanidis.

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 p.m.