

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MEETING  
July 10, 2023

Subject to Commission Approval

The Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 6 PM in the East Windsor Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT

**PRESENT:** Chairman Szymanski; Commissioners Bagdikian, Lansner, Taylor and Simpkins; Board of Selectman Liaison Sarah Muska, Director Maltese, A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office.

**ABSENT:** None

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Michael Ceppetelli, 42 Skinner Road, Broad Brook, CCT

- Commended Parks and Rec for fixing the lights on the pickle ball/tennis courts at East Windsor Park.
- Questioned how the old lights from the tennis courts and ball field would be disposed of
- Brought up the water quality issue – sighting the fact that the swim area had to be closed for a couple of days due to the fact that it was not safe for swimming.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION To APPROVE minutes of Meeting of the May 8, 2023, as written  
Bagdikian moved/Taylor second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Memorial Tree Planting Policy
  - Approved unanimously by Board of Selectman.
  - Moving forward 3 families who had inquired about doing something in memory of their family member.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Financial accounts review

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- At the end of the fiscal year, the department was over Supply and Equipment line due to unanticipated repairs for Pavilion and Volunteer Park. July is Parks Band Rec Month Calendar in packet – Where community grows –
- b. July is Parks and Rec Month.
- The theme this year is “Where Community Grows” The inclement weather caused the first Story time at the splash Pad to be postponed but it will be rescheduled. July 21<sup>st</sup> is Parks and Rec professionals day. Each day of the month will have a special theme or activity.
- c. Park Director’s Report
- Week 2 of summer camp has begun – all weeks are filled to capacity
  - Each week of camp will have a reverse field trip – meaning guest will come to the camp with a special activity rather than paying for busses to transport the children place. This approach is well accepted by the parents.
  - The waterfront was shut down due to high bacteria levels. The Director stated that everything possible is being done proactively to alleviate this problem. The closure was communicated on Facebook and other social media.
  - Two large rentals are coming this week and for the next 5 weeks. Education Resources for Children and Child Development Center, both from Enfield bring groups to enjoy the park.
  - The tennis/pickle ball court lights have been replaced and the old lights were taken to Public Works
  - The inlet/outlet structure mentioned in Public Participation is a project of Public Works. The Director stated that she would try to get an update on its progress.
  - Swim lessons have begun. East Windsor Residents were able to have swim lessons for free this year because of a grant from East Windsor Greater Together Fund through the Hartford Foundation for Greater Public Giving
  - Received funding from the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance to put Pickle Ball courts at Osborne field and Volunteer Park.
  - Summer enrichment camps are going well. Only one had to be cancelled because of lack of interest.
  - The Broad Brook Fire Department is once again planning to hold their annual car show at East Windsor Park over Labor Day weekend.
  - The Summer Concert series is being well attended.
  - National Night Out is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Groups and businesses are able to have displays at this event.
  - Looking into planning a fall fest event – along the lines of the community days that were held in the past.
  - Commissioner Bagdikian asked if the Splash Pad was open when the waterfront is closed. The Director stated that the Splash can be open even if the waterfront is closed and that on those occasions, everyone entering the

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park would be charged the Resident rate. She also stated that Fox 61 new came when the waterfront was closed and talked to some of those people attending and were happy to see that there was still a way the children could cook off on the hot days.

T/L

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

**MOTION: To ACCEPT the Director's report as presented:  
Taylor moved/Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A thank you was received from East Windsor Skat Park for the Parks and Rec gift basket donation to their fundraiser raffle. **MISCELLANEOUS**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were approved by Commissioner Bagdikian

**ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:14 pm  
Simpkins moved/Bagdikian second/Vote: In favor Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

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Alma Irene Mosher  
Recording Secretary