

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2010

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The Regular Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Szymanski at 7:05 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office at the East Windsor High School, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT.

PRESENT: Commissioners Balch, Simpkins and Szymanski; Park Director Maltese and Mary Lou Morell from the Park Office.

ABSENT: Commissioner Balula.

GUESTS: None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as three commission members were present.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN:

MOTION: To ELECT Ted Szymanski Chairman of the East Windsor Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of the September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting as written.

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

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. BMX Skate Park

Director Maltese reported the BMX Skate Park group held a rubber duck race on Sunday, November 7, 2010 with the assistance of the American Heritage River Commission who helped with people in waiters in the water and canoeists. They raised approximately \$3,000.

OLD BUSINESS/b. BMX Skateboard Park (continued):

It has been determined that the Park will be built in phases and they have \$20,000 but need between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to get started. As this group falls under the Selectmen, it is up to them to approve plans and to direct the start of the project

b. Dog Owners' Park

Director Maltese stated the fence is installed, the grass is growing and parking lot is in. Snow fence will be installed to keep out snowmobilers out during the winter.

Barktoberfest was a success with over 30 dogs participating at each swim time. At the next meeting the Rules for the Dog Park will be available for the Commission to review and approve.

c. Review of EWP ball field electric bills

Director Maltese reported that the energy provider will be Direct Energy Business LLC effective with the November billing. She also stated that the Town is looking into combining all telephone service with a government provider to reduce cost and consolidate billing.

Chairman Szymanski questioned why the one street light within East Windsor Park, outside the snack bar, is always on. Director Maltese will contact Director Norton of Public Works to look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Financial Accounts Review

Director Maltese distributed a Preliminary 2010-2011 Budget as of November 5, 2010. The only item of concern at this time is water usage for irrigation at Osborne Field at Warehouse Point Park. It is anticipated that it will be over budget at year end.

b. 2011 Meeting Dates

The proposed 2011 Meeting Date schedule was distributed. Discussion took place to change meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: To APPROVE the 2011 Meeting Date schedule and to REVISE the meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

c. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese informed the Commission that the on-line registration program is going very well.

The Dance program has many new younger participants as the older students are phasing out of the program. We are still receiving sign ups. As Air Time Gymnastics has closed their facility we have added a Tumbling Tigers class for 2-3 years olds to our Dance program.

Director Maltese reported that she is getting more requests for programs from parents for after-school programs for their children and for adults as adult education has been eliminated, except for the GED program, due to budget cuts. Requested programs are Zumba, line dancing, digital photography, and enrichment programs such as canoeing, fly fishing and a ski club. Available space to hold programs is an issue but consideration to use the Town Hall Annex will be explored.

The Halloween event was held on Friday, October 29, 2010 for the benefit of the Laurin family. Mrs. Maltese will meet with the Human Resource Director on how to best distribute the funds.

East Windsor Park is now closed for the season. All parks have been winterized and irrigation systems blown out. Little League and Soccer have been notified to clean out and organize supplies at the Osborne field house.

Director Maltese has been directing programs at the Senior Center once a month "Melissa's Crafty Crafts". She recently conducted a grandparent's day craft and a veteran's cards project. She will be arranging an intergenerational program with the seniors at the Center during the school vacation kid's camp where there will be a wii bowling tournament and then the seniors will join the field trip to the bowling ally for play.

The next Panther Plunge will be held on January 22, 2011 at East Windsor Park. This is a fundraising event along with a costume contest. One past participant is asking for donations to this event in lieu of Christmas gifts.

The ice skating rink will again be installed at the High School. The move has been favorably received by the public. The rink will be used in conjunction with the High School Winter Carnival in January.

Regarding CIP Projects, there are none planned at this time. There will be a new format to present a wish list but there will be no formal presentation to the Selectmen.

The Union contract expired in July 2010 and negotiations will begin in January.

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

**Leagues/ /Broad Brook Pond Park/ Pierce Memorial Park (Windsorville)/
Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point):**

No discussion this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and signed by Commissioners Simpkins and Balch.

NEXT MEETING:

December 13, 2010

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, _____
Mary Lou Morell
Recording Secretary