

EAST WINDSOR BMX & SKATEPARK

MINUTES OF UNOFFICIAL MEETING

May 23, 2022

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Brenda Crockett, Dave Crockett, Rebecca Crockett, Lori Gabriel, Laura Harney, Charles Nordell and Marisa Prior

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(None)

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Reviewed minutes from April 25, 2022 meeting.
- (2) Maintaining Park grounds: It was decided to hold off on re-presenting Cathy Testa's landscaping ideas from years ago for the time-being as we have some big-ticket activity going on with the Rubber Duck Race, Can and Bottle Drive, event at our park, hopefully on September 10, 2022. We will revisit additional landscaping ideas at a later date. For the time being, the park is nicely and easily maintained without a lot of landscaping obstacles. Brenda had contacted the EWHS Guidance Office to offer a community service opportunity for any students who want to help us clean up the park in early June. She also offered to contact John Burnham to see if he/the Boy Scouts would consider building and donating benches to place at the park similar to the ones built, donated and placed in front of Scout Hall.
- (3) Lori offered to get replacement sign pricing and Brenda suggested asking long-time park supporter, Lynn Caldon, if she would consider sponsoring a new sign for us in lieu of adopting ducks.
- (4) Parking area and walkway refresh – Brenda contacted Teresa from the Public Works Department to see about getting some of the millings at Public Works for our park. She said that they are for town jobs, not town parks, etc. (Side note: If our parking lot to the equipment was handicap-accessible, we would qualify to apply for a Ronald McDonald grant.)
- (5) Tom Kalmanidis memorial even to tentatively be held on Saturday, September 10. Laura suggested making it a community event and partnering with Park and Rec to have events going on at the Reservoir and the Dog Park that day as well. Marisa suggested Food trucks and bike and skateboard demos where the entrants pay a fee to participate. Rebecca suggested a "Floral Boquets" table. Brenda will be contacting Fat Trax for raffle prize donations (possibly a BMX bike and/or a skateboard or whatever they can provide us). She will also see if Pippin & Sons would donate a port-o-potty if the reservoir park bathrooms are not accessible. More detailed planning to come. (Need to eventually come up with meaningful name for the event.)
- (6) 12th Annual Rubber Duck Race will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022:

- Brenda will call all duck sponsors from 2021 to see if they'll adopt again
- Laura, Lori and Marisa will get all race prizes
- Everyone to be on the lookout for new ducks that match our existing criteria
- Dave Crockett to ask his employer, Williams Oil, to donate a raffle prize (\$____.00 in Oil delivery to the lucky winner ?)

(7) The sneaker fundraiser idea was cancelled out. Not feasible.

(8) Rebecca Crockett is spearheading a Bottle and Can (Refundables) drive, identified Saturday, Jul 9, 2022 for drop off of all bottle and can donations (once Memorial Day and Fourth of July celebrations took place) in the parking lot of the Town Hall in Broad Brook. Brenda said she would get permission from the First Selectman's office to announce the Town Hall as the drop off site. Rebecca to advertise and share on ours and other appropriate East Windsor Facebook pages.

(9) We decided to bench the Facemask Fundraiser as well as the Cutest Pet contest until the Fall.

(10) On an ongoing basis, each of us need to reach out to others to support our efforts to complete and maintain this park, even if it means attending a single meeting to see how they can help or add value. Brenda suggested we each try to bring 2 more people to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Committee Officers were nominated and voted on as follows: Chair: Brenda Crockett, Vice Chair: Lori Gabriel, Secretary: Rebecca Crockett and Member @ Large volunteer :o), Laura Harney (Dave Crockett will be our event photographer :o)
- (2) We briefly discussed the need to place a new equipment order after looking at the ARC visuals of the current and ultimate park. (Will follow up after Rubber Duck race to select and order equipment).
- (3) Laura Harney suggested a "Tough Mudder" event fundraising idea. Excellent idea, although we will have to bench any planning for such an event until the Fall at least .

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPX. 8:45 P.M. AND THE NEXT WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022 AT THE PARK HILL COMMUNITY ROOM, 1A PARK HILL, BROAD BROOK, CT.