

# **EAST WINDSOR BMX & SKATEPARK**

## **MINUTES OF UNOFFICIAL MEETING**

### **April 25, 2022**

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

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All meeting discussions detailed below were publicly participated in as the meeting was unofficial due the agenda not being posted within the required 24-hour period prior to the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- (1) Reviewed minutes from January 31, 2022 meeting. (February meeting was cancelled because Zoom meeting link provided by the First Selectman's office had been double-booked for another meeting and we were not aware of this until the day of the meeting, therefore we were unable to obtain and post an alternative Zoom link in time. March meeting was cancelled due to a medical emergency.)
- (2) Maintaining Park grounds: Brenda will contact Public Works to find out how they are maintaining the berm on the north side of the park so that we can plan park maintenance around it. She suggested we also revisit Cathy Testa's original park landscaping designs and will bring prints to next meeting to see if we want to incorporate some of her ideas now. Brenda will also contact the East Windsor High School to seek community service volunteers for a park clean-up day that was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (waivers to be signed by all volunteers). Charlie and Marisa informed the group about a Garden Club plant sale to be held at the Grant farm in Melrose on May 14<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in going. Marisa suggested seeing if they would be willing to donate any remaining plants for our park.
- (3) Park sign refresh or replacement: Brenda will call Melissa at Park & Rec to see if there is funding for the BMX & Skatepark to receive a new sign as all the other parks in town did. She will also contact John Burnham to see what the possibility is of someone in Boy Scouts taking this on as an Eagle Scout project. Lori will price out a replacement sign.
- (4) Parking lot and walkway refresh: Millings at Public Works department has solidified over time but we will contact them anyway to see what the possibility is of breaking up and using some of that for the parking area.
- (5) Fundraising updates: Sneaker/Shoe Drive to be reassigned. Marisa was asked to see if she could Chair this. Waiting for response :o). Face Mask Fundraiser was benched until Fall at Lori's suggestion. Cutest Pet

Contest – We still need a volunteer to head this. Rubber Duck Race is scheduled for Sunday, June 26 with the American River Heritage group and all preparations (solicitation of prize donations and duck adoptions are underway). We need to advertise this far and wide for the Duck Race as well as the Cardboard Boat Race. They are also desperate for participants in their race. Lori will talk to Laura Harney to see if she would be willing to publicize this for us with Channel 3, local newspapers, etc.

- (6) 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.
- (7) We discussed the EW P&R Beta Group town-wide park survey and enhancements project (public) meeting that was held on February 9. Brenda provided Park & Rec and the Beta Group our “Ultimate Park” prints for inclusion in their plans which they then shared with the meeting participants. No one was aware of a more recent meeting by P&R and Beta since then. We need to stay involved in that effort.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) We had decided to not participate in the MCM Fundraiser this year. Four or so years back, the EWHS Booster Club started running the same fundraiser at the same time we traditionally ran it for years prior. As a result, the Superintendent would not let us run ours through the school since it was “not for student benefit as the Booster Club’s goals are”. They required that we run ours AFTER the Booster Club’s each year. This resulted in the money raised for the park going from \$3,000 or more to approximately \$1,000.
- (2) Equipment Order: We could not vote on a new equipment order (what to order and when) for the park since this was an unofficial meeting. However, we did review the poster-sized ultimate park design provided by ARC for future reference and ordering.
- (3) Website and Facebook Page: Charlie suggested that we post and advertise everything on Facebook as an efficient and widespread means to solicit support and advertise our events. Rebecca volunteered to update or recreate the website, initiate a Facebook page and be our updater and point person for both.
- (4) Photographer for our park, events and efforts: Dave was asked to be our photographer for capturing and posting all of it :o)
- (5) Tom Kalmanidis Memorial event: This event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022. The Crockett/Kalmanidis family will Chair this event. Marisa suggested Food Trucks. Other ideas were Trick BMX and Skateboard riders, both local and professional, donated giveaways, Marisa will call Tony Hawk :o) and Brenda will try to get in touch with Matt Hoffman, Travis Pastrana, Dig BMX magazine, FAT Tracks and other supporters. We shoot for the stars!

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPX. 8:30 P.M. AND THE NEXT WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 AT THE PARK HILL COMMUNITY ROOM, 1A PARK HILL, BROAD BROOK, CT.**