

EAST WINDSOR BMX & SKATEPARK

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2022

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

Chris Arre, Eve Arre, Allyson Crockett, Brenda Crockett, Dave Crockett, Rebecca Crockett, Javon Edwards, Lori Gabriel, Laura Harney, Charles Nordell and Marisa Prior

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Eve and Chris Arre responded to our invitation to join our meeting (YAY!), hear of our current events and see where they could help.)

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Reviewed minutes from May 23, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept minutes, 1st Lori Gabriel, 2nd Rebecca Crockett, In Favor: Unanimous
- (2) Maintaining Park grounds. With Public Works now mowing the park, including the berm at the start of the season, committee members (currently Dave Crockett) will contribute to the upkeep around the park sign but all other suggestions for park “beautification” are benched at this time as we focus on other fund-raising events we have planned.
- (3) Brenda indicated that she sent an e-mail to the Town Clerk and administrative staff as well as our committee for the required recording of officers of our committee with the town.
- (4) Laura Harney and Lori Gabriel shared that they’ve examined our current sign and that the sign itself looks to be in good condition but that the plexiglass protective cover needs to be cleaned and replaced. She offered to contact John Burnham about the possibility of getting his/Boy Scouts help with that and also to see if they would be willing to build and donate a bench(es).
- (5) It was decided to bench the application of a Ronald McDonald House Grant that Brenda introduced until an later date when/if the park parking area and walkway have asphalt since handicap accessibility is a requirement for this grant.
- (6) We talked about a Tom Kalmanidis memorial event in depth. Here are the discussion points/suggestions:
 - a. Vision: Huge event like @ Golden Gavel years ago with ARC demo equipment, vendors, etc.
 - b. Name Event

- c. Identify date – 1st Saturday of October? Lori and Laura offered to look at town calendars for other events/potential conflicts.
- d. Other ideas: Food and ice cream trucks, cotton candy and popcorn machines, toddler bounce houses (the latter three items offered for borrow by the Arre family :o)
- e. Music
- f. Videos w/projector & large screen of Tom's BMX videos/him riding (filmed by Matt Horak)
- g. EW BMX mugs for sale
- h. T-Shirts and Hoodies (Black with white logo and other options)
- i. Tie-dye booth (Rebecca)
- j. Corn Hole (Marisa has) and other games
- k. Candles and luminaries at the end
- l. Skateboarding and BMX demos
- m. Original group of youth who initiated the park (now adults) as judges
- n. Prizes for all participants
- o. HUGE RAFFLE PRIZE(S) AND SELL TICKETS BEFORE-HAND AND DURING EVENT

(7) We talked briefly about the Rubber Duck Race, that we made a profit of \$3,180 and that we would talk soon about reflections (what worked well, what could be improved upon, etc., to be as efficient as possible in this event).

(8) Rebecca said that everything was in place for a bottle drive from 9am-noon on Saturday, July 11 at the Town Hall parking lot. Several people at the meeting said that they have been collecting bottles and cans as well that they'll bring.

(9) We agreed that the Facemask and Cutest Pet contests/fundraisers would be benched until Fall.

(10) Laura talked about a Tough Mudder fundraiser that we benched until Spring. Javon Edwards shared that he knows people who participate in AND organize/run Tough Mudders that he can share with Laura and our group when the time comes to plan it.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Marisa talked about a National Night Out event to be held at the Reservoir Park on Tuesday, August 2nd and suggested having a BMX & Skatepark Table. She will reserve a spot for us.

(2) Brenda shared price lists and park layout visuals indicating equipment still needed to complete the ultimate park with Chris and Eve Arre for them to review after the meeting and provide feedback on their suggestions for the next order bearing in mind the amount of funds we currently have.

(3) Brenda indicated that she is going to schedule a meeting with First Selectman Bowsza regarding our need for further funding & suggestions (bearing in mind the remarkable town-wide improvements that have been made to the Reservoir Park and new signage for other parks in town).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m. (1st Rebecca Crockett, 2nd Laura Harney, In Favor: Unanimous)