

EAST WINDSOR BMX & SKATEPARK

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, January 30, 2023

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING – Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m., Park Hill Community Room, 1A Park Hill, Broad Brook, CT

ATTENDANCE

Brenda Crockett, Dave Crockett, Rebecca Crockett, Lori Gabriel, Laura Harney, Marisa Prior, Charles Nordell and guests Alex, Andrea and Bill Ruggerio

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eagle Scout Alex Ruggerio and his parents Andrea and Bill attended meeting to propose Alex's offer to add a "Welcome" sign to the existing park sign as well as a custom-built picnic table to secure at the park. This is a much-appreciated and generous enhancement to the park, as well as enabling fulfillment of Alex' Eagle Scout project of choice. Discussion ensued with Alex and the Committee in which he provided detail of his ideas (type of materials of sign and table, font and colors to be used on sign, placement of the sign and table and how each would be secured). Vote to proceed: 1st Brenda, 2nd Laura, All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Reviewed 2022 Annual report
- (2) Acknowledged the following incredibly generous and so much appreciated Grant and Corporate donations received 2022-2023:
 - East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund: \$5,000 Grant
 - Windsor Federal Bank, East Windsor Branch: \$100 donation
- (3) Wall of Fame – Ideas: Concrete Couch, Brick "Walk of Fame". Brainstorming between Lori, Brenda and Joe Gabriel to come up with more ideas to present to the committee. Date TBD

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Golf Tournament – Grassmere Country Club, Enfield CT
 - Date/Time: May 20, 2023, Noon-7:00 p.m.
 - Max Golfers: 72
 - \$75/pp (incl. \$31 to play, \$25 for food, \$19 our profit if at least 50 Golfers)
 - Have two lists: (1) Prepaid, (2) Day of Event
- Incentive to prepay: You get a raffle ticket for an awesome door prize – Prize TBD

- Other ideas to hold at the event to earn more for the park:
 - Putting Contest - \$5.00/pp to Enter
 - Muligans/You get a “do-over” - \$5.00/pp (ex., 12 teams of 4 people each)
 - Raffles for Prizes
 - 50/50 Raffle
- Prize Ideas:
 - Cigars – Dave
 - Liquor – Laura
 - Flatstone Grill from Walmart – Brenda
 - PC Richards TV – Lori
 - Six Flags Passes – Rebecca
 - Scooter – Laura
 - Each Committee member (maybe friends and family too?) – Themed Gift Baskets

Notes: Laura will be out of commission from 3/20/23 for 6 weeks forward

- Laura will ask Grassmere if we can do our own dessert table
 - Laura will ask Grassmere how much we need to pay and when
 - We need a bull horn for the event
- (2) Rubber Duck and Cardboard Boat Race – Potential dates that Brenda presented to the American River Heritage Group: 6/10 Sat., 6/11 Sun., 6/17 Sat. and 7/9 Sun. in an effort to NOT have the race the last weekend in June so that we can encourage Boy Scout and Girl Scouts troops participations in both races, especially the cardboard boat race. (Ana Maria Davis is Service Unit Manager for EW Girl Scouts and Bill Ruggerio will be our Boy Scout of EW contact to seek participation).
 - (3) Bottle and Can drive - Brenda proposed making this an annual fundraiser; this would be our second annual. Consider one for July and another for September. Marisa has at least 12 garbage bags full to donate now & the Crocketts have almost as many. Brenda will contact the Guidance Office at the high school to present this community service opportunity to line up some students to help sort and bring to the redemption center in South Windsor.
 - (4) EW BMX & Skatepark Committee, in partnership with Fat Trax Open House Event – August, 2023. Brenda suggested this event to the committee to as a way to encourage the community to enjoy the park and to promote the BMX and skateboarding sports to youth. Ideas for this event:
 - Publicize in advance and widely – Fat Trax will assist w/this as well within their customer community
 - Work w/Fat Trax to seek and refurbish bikes and skateboards to hand out to youth at the event (In line with this, Donna House’s brother on Graham Road refurbishes bikes and may donate some. We will contact him.)
 - Consider food trucks, sports and community-related vendor tables
 - Raffle prizes
 - Give-aways
 - BMX and skateboard demonstrations by Fat Trax (and seek out local team we started this park for to see if there is interest there in demo).
 - (5) New Park Equipment Order – Brenda to talk with Cole at American Ramp Company to finalize equipment quote for south-end of park, delivery and installation timelines, deposit and final payment requirements for order.

Also, Brenda will research options for park bench (\$400 donated amount from the Brunelle family made in Tom Kalmanidis' memory). Will price out plaque to be installed on it as well.

- (6) Committee to discuss at future meeting possibility of participating once again in EW P&R August National Night Out at the reservoir and September EW Historical Society Ice Cream Social (neither are traditionally fundraising opportunities for us but more for community participation).
- (7) Due to timing, benched discussion about ordering clothing and merchandise with Park name and logo on it for a future meeting.
- (8) Geissler's Supermarket Hot Dog fundraiser will be (understandably) offered to another EW fundraising committee for this year (they rotate the opportunity to fundraising groups in town).
- (9) We discussed other fundraising suggestions. Laura mentioned a "Kickstarter" fundraising idea and Marisa offered to look into it further.

Lori will ask Enfield if we can partner with them this year in their Food Truck annual event.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 p.m.