

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING
July 8, 2019

Subject to Commission Approval

The Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 6 PM in the Parks and Recreation office, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT

PRESENT: Chairman Szymanski; Commissioners Bagdikian and Taylor; Director Maltese, Parks and Recreation Lead Charette, and A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office.

ABSENT: Commissioner Simpkins

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as three (3) Commissioners were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of June 17, 2019 Special Meeting as written

Bagdikian Moved/Taylor second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Budget 2019-2020*

The Director stated that this department will not be getting a 2% increase but will be getting what had been requested for the 2019-2020 budget year.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Financial accounts review

Director Maltese stated that she did not print out end of year sheet since final numbers have not yet been posted. Therefore, the report would not be accurate. The Commission will be updated as soon as the final figures have been received. The Commissioners were given a 3-year comparison of income for East Windsor Park showing the 2019 season to date figures. The figures indicated that income is on track after being open for 3 weeks. The report also included a comparison of numbers for the Fourth of July 2018 vs 2019. The gate fees for 2019 were nearly twice that of 2018. This shows that the Park is getting well used. Although the numbers were high, the number on the beach did not exceed what life guards could handle. Help is needed to enforce the no alcohol policy especially on July 4. Will brain storm with the Police Chief for future seasons.

b. July is Parks and Recreation Month

The Commissioners were given the July calendar showing the activities available for the month of July. East Windsor is one of a few Park and Rec departments that participate in July is Park and Recreation Month. The director stated that this year she and her staff are focusing activities at EWP rather than trying to have activities at each park in town. Move it Monday's show the campers participating and was broadcast live on Facebook. The culminating event is National Night Out to be held the first Tuesday in August.

c. Aquatics Report

Recreation Lead Charette stated that the summer has been positive so far. She has 7 life guards on staff – 4 returning and 3 new. She also stated that morning lessons are more popular. As the summer progress, it is anticipated that the registrations will continue to rise. She stated that signs have been purchased for the water front that reinforce the need for water safety. Director Maltese stated that the algae is beginning to grow again. She also stated that she is waiting for DEEP to give permit for the treatment. Director Maltese also stated that Recreation lead Charette does a good job with in service training throughout the summer and managing the waterfront.

d. Park Director's report

Recreation Lead Charette stated that in 2018 there were 88 different children who attended camp throughout the summer and this year the number is currently at 96 children. The averaging each week is between 50 to 55 childre. There are more 4 &5-year olds this year averaging 10-15 each week. Director Maltese stated that there are many new faces this year. Each week the camp goes on a field trip and this week's field trip is to CT Science Center. She also stated that the staff doing a good job keeping the children engaged and safe.

The contract for splash pad has been signed. The kickoff is August 16. There will be geological drilling to check that the water table to prevent any problems after construction.

The contract for the bathrooms at Abbe road has been signed. Waiting for the architectural designed for necessary grinder pump. The facility will be a prefab building. Director Maltese stated that she is going to encourage soccer club to contract with a food truck to serve refreshments. She also stated that the town will be able to host better tournaments and having a regular bathroom facility is a definite plus.

There is a new sign at East Windsor Park which is formatted like other Town signs. The Director stated that she hoped to put a smiley face on back saying "Thank you for visiting". Would like to purchase one sign per budget season to add uniformity to signs in all the parks.

A number of trees that will need to come down in the next year or so. May just be taking down high branches that are cracked and could fall. Some are on the tree line near the neighbors and don't want them to fall on neighbor's property.

Director Maltese stated that the department is starting to line up fall programming. 3&4-year olds for Tiny tots Soccer which is run by EWHS girls' soccer and the department gives a donation to the Soccer team each year.

Recreation Lead Charette stated that she is working with Mad science, Art Adventures and the Lego program – all of which have been well received in the past.

Director Maltese stated that she is working with FRC to be able to use the Broad Brook School gym 2 days a week. This has not been allowed in the past and all active programs had to be held outside and then would be cancelled if it rained. The Middle school allows the use of the gym.

Director Maltese stated that the new freezer and grill are in the snack bar at East Windsor Park.

Broad Brook Pond Park/ Pierce Memorial Park (Windsorville)/Prospect Hill Park (Warehouse Point)/Warehouse Point (Osborne Field) Park:

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Cub Scout Pack 89 of East Windsor, CT. for making a contribution to their program.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jack is ordering a car show sign for the end of Reservoir Ave. DPW will have to replace the recreation sign on Reservoir Ave. due to an accident.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were approved by Commissioner Taylor

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:34 pm

Bagdikian moved/Taylor second/Vote: In favor Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Alma Irene Mosher
Recording Secretary