

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING
November 4, 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, Town Hall Annex, 25 School Street, East Windsor, CT

PRESENT: Chairman Commissioners Bagdikian and Taylor; Director Maltese, 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 September 9, 2019 Meeting as written
Bagdikian moved/Taylor second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. East Windsor Dog Park
Barktoberfest Contribution -- \$200
It was a beautiful day for Barktoberfest and it was well attended. This would be a donation to the Dog Park from the Park and Rec proceeds received on that day.

MOTION: Donate \$200 to East Windsor Dog Park from Barktoberfest proceeds.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Financial accounts review
The Commissioners were given a copy of the Financial statement as of October 30, 2019. The Director noted that most of the spending occurs in the spring when it is time to reopen the Parks. At this point in time, the staff is assessing end of year park closures in order to ascertain what might be needed for next year's spring opening.

b. EWPTO \$200 Contribution from Halloween

This year there were 136 children in attendance at the Haunted Happenings, Halloween event. The children were able to play at 9 game stations in the gym as well as activities such as crafts, tattoos and refreshments in the café. The PTO gives valued assistance for this event.

MOTION: To Donate \$200 to EWPTO from Halloween proceeds

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

c. EWHS Booster Club – Tiny Tots Donation -- \$585 for girls soccer team

The East Windsor Girls Soccer team run the Tiny Tots program. They do an excellent job and are quite attentive to the children. Because of the EEE this year, the schedules had to be changed several times but parents, children and the girls team were able to make it work. All in all the Girls Soccer team did a great job running this program. The donation is the cost of registration minus any incurred expenses such as t-shirts for each child.

MOTION: To donate \$585 to EWHS Booster Club for Girls soccer team from Tiny Tots Registration fees.

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

d. Park Director's Report

The Director, Melissa Maltese stated that the department is officially into back to school programs both at Broad Brook Elementary and East Windsor Middle School. A mommy and me food class called Food Explorers for PreK children has begun. The idea is to teach children simple recipes and to get the children to try different food. She also stated that she hopes to be able to put together a week in the summer for Tiny Food Explorers.

The Director stated that we now have the ability to use the gym at the elementary school for an hour each week. She hopes that a gymnastics program as well as some others. The Director stated that she was grateful to the Principal and FRC for making this possible.

The following are winter programs:

Polar express – sold out

Santa calls on Dec. 10

Torchlight on Dec. 21

The scarecrow contest successful. Top three will get a prize. Itsy Bitsy spider was the winner.

The Director stated that DPW is in process of closing down parks and playgrounds that have water. There is one week left on Abbe Road and it will be closed for the

winter. Director Maltese is grateful to Keith and others from DPW who take such good care of the properties.

It is hoped that Parks and Rec will be able to participate again this year in North central Chamber of Commerce home show. This gives us a good exposure to different people.

Letters to this year's staff will be sent out in December.

Minimum wage was increased to \$11 October 1st. By 2023 minimum wage will be \$15. The Commission along with Parks and Rec staff will need to eventually look at pricing and the ability to provide programs as well as to remain affordable.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Contributed gift certificates and movie passes to Safe Grad Auction

MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations to Ted on becoming a first-time grandpa

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were approved by Commissioner Bagdikian.

ADJOURMENT

**MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:15 pm
moved/ second/Vote: In favor Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

Alma Irene Mosher
Recording Secretary