

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2023

Subject to Commission Approval

The Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 6:00 PM at East Windsor Town Hall, 25 School Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016.

PRESENT: Chairman Szymanski; Commissioners Bagdikian, Lansner, Simpkins, Taylor; Board of Selectman Liaison Muska; Director Maltese, and A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office; Interim Chief Roger Hart; Interim Deputy Chief Matt Carl.

ABSENT: None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

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

DISCUSSION OF THE SEXUAL and OTHER UNLAWFUL HARRASSMENT POLICY

First Selectman Jason Bowsza discussed the latest update of the Town of East Windsor Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment Policy. He stated that any inappropriate conduct aimed at Municipal employees and/or members of boards and commissions would not be tolerated. If there is a hostile environment created then the Town will take legal action. All members of boards and commissions, as well as employees are being asked to review and return a signed copy to the First Selectman's office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Ceppetelli, 42 Skinner Road, Broad Brook, CT 06016

- From 11/22 – statement concerning spending \$450,000 for renovation of the pavilions at the park. Where the dollars came from and what was to be renovated
- 11/14 mtg compared pavilion to 2 older structures
- Request to amend November 2022 and March 2023 minutes to include all statements
- Tennis court/pickle ball court lighting has not been working for 2 years. When will this issue be resolved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Szymanski asked if there needed to be any additions or corrections to the minutes of March 13, 2023. The Commissioners agreed there were none. Director Maltese stated that minutes do not have to be a verbatim record of the meeting and are just a summary.

**MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of March 13, 2023 Meeting as written
Lansner moved/Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Memorial Tree Planting Policy

The Commissioners were given a copy and asked to approve the final draft of the Memorial Tree Planting Policy so that it could be sent to the Board of Selectman

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Memorial Tree Planting Policy and Presented and have it sent to the Board of Selectman.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. State Bonding Projects Update

- Lighting at Abbe Road is ready to go
- Playground at East Windsor Park will be discussed tomorrow at Planning and Zoning Commission

b. Summer Schedule Update

- Commissioners were given a comprehensive flyer of summer events.
- Tentative date to open is June 10th and will be weekends only until June 18th. Cannot open during the week until the staff is out of school.
- Closing date will be August 27th.
- Summer Concerts will be on Thursdays, starting June 15th with the exception of the August 1st concert which is a Tuesday during the National Night Out Celebration
- Season Passes are now on sale in the Parks and Rec office.

b. Financial Account Review

- Approaching the end of the fiscal year
- In good shape to open the park
- Some dollars were spent for repair in the pavilions when a pipe broke in the wall. It has been fixed and ready to open.

c. Park Director's Report

- The Commissioners were given a copy of the calendar showing the activities for the month of May
- The Broad Brook Angling Club held its annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 5th. It was a successful event. The Director thanked the Club for hosting this event.
- The hiring process for summer employees is almost complete. The Director stated she is working with DPW to hire maintenance personnel to work at the Park for the summer.
- Two interns are being hired for the summer. One will be working with maintenance and Snack Bar/Gate House. The other will work with camp and aquatics.

- Camp 75% full. There have been a number of scholarship requests. Hardship cases must be East Windsor residents and vetted through the East Windsor Social Services Department.
- Swim lesson: Because of the grant from East Windsor Greater Together Fund through Hartford Foundation for Public Giving., the Parks and Rec department is able to offer one session of lessons for East Windsor residents. If all the slots are not filled, they may be able to have a second session.
- The department will be hosting a one-week volleyball camp
- Healthy Kids Running: 62 children this participating year which is an increase over last year. The program is for ages 2 to 14.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Director's report as presented:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Reminder that we are partnering with East Windsor Athletic Club for the golf tournament to be held on June 3rd.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were approved by Commissioner Simpkins

ADJOURMENT

MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:25 pm

Simpkins moved/Bagdikian second/Vote: In favor Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Alma Irene Mosher
Recording Secretary