

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING  
March 9, 2020

Subject to Commission Approval

The Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 6:00 PM in the Parks and Recreation office, Town Hall Annex, 25 School Street, East Windsor, CT

**PRESENT:** Chairman Szymanski Commissioners Bagdikian, Simpkins and Taylor; Board of Selectman Liaison DeSousa; Director Maltese, A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office.

**ABSENT:** None

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of January 14, 2020 Meeting as written**

**Bagdikian moved/Simpkins second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. East Windsor Dog Park\*  
No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Budget 2020-2021\*
- b. Financial Accounts Review 2019-2020  
The Commissioners were given a copy of the Year to Date account figures. The department is just starting to do its spring purchasing so the numbers will decrease quickly in the next couple of months. The Director stated that she is seeking other vendors to supply the infield mix since the regular vendor will not have any available for at least two months.
- c. Park Projects update  
Construction will begin on the bathrooms at Abbe Road. Construction will begin on April 15<sup>th</sup> and will be done in time for games to begin the end of April.

The splash pad is on schedule. The project goes out to bid Friday and will be back in a week and then construction will begin. Everything is on track for July opening of the Splash Pad.

d. East Windsor Park Fees

Director Maltese asked the Commissioners to review the pricing for East Windsor Park and to make their recommendations. Chairman Szmanski asked how the fees at East Windsor Park compare to other communities. The Director stated that the fees are compatible with other communities who also have beach front swimming areas. Chairman Szymanski stated that the should residents come first, and the fees need to be kept low. BOS Liaison DeSousa asked about the fees for grandparents who bring their grandchildren. The Director stated that the grand parents are always free and could purchase a season pass for household to which children belong and they could come in on that pass with the grandparents. There was discussion of the rates for season passes and it was decided that the \$50 fee for residents and \$100 for nonresidents would be fair. The members also decided to keep the gate fees the same for this year and then to reassess next year.

**MOTION: To keep the season pass rate for residents at \$50, initiate a nonresident season pass at \$100, and all gate fees would be unchanged.**  
**Taylor moved/Simpkins second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

The Commissioners felt that the idea of having a rental area at the splash pad for birthday parties was an excellent idea. The Director pointed out that this could be used as a marketing tool. There would be different themes such as sports, animals, superheroes etc. The themes would be similar to camp week themes and could use the same equipment for that.

**MOTION: To approve providing birthday party rentals at the splash pad.**  
**Taylor moved/Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

e. Park Director's Report

Director Maltese stated that she is meeting with First Selectman Bowsza monthly. He was given highlights of programs that the Parks and Rec Department are doing. A copy was also given to the Commissioners. Director Maltese stated that 22 of 31 staff from last year are not returning. The Director and her staff are in full out search mode reaching out through social media, community colleges, high school guidance departments, and as many different venues as possible She plans to start interviews in April.

The Director stated that there was a good turnout for the Hot Shots program. Members of the girls and boys basketball teams helped to facilitate the evening.

Seven children girls and boys basketball teams helped. Several going to state meet. The food that was donated is used for the Power Pack Program.

The afterschool programs are in full swing and the Commissioners were given the March calendar of activities so they could see when things are happening.

The Community new letter will go out the first of April. The letter is done in the First Selectman's office and Parks and Rec will have a part in it. The first letter will have an introduction to the general operation of the Parks and Rec Department. Future letters will contain more detailed information about the activities. The letters will be mailed to resident's home.

The downfall of the mild winter is that there has been a lot of wind and many trees have fallen at East Windsor Park. The Director stated that a surveyor has been hired to mark the boundary lines. This will show definitively which trees are on the Town Property and which belong to the neighboring land. There are several trees that must be removed for safety reasons. Liaison DeSousa stated that surveying was done on the land behind Park Hill and there should be markers on that side of the Park. The Director stated that the cost of removal was not in the budget and she may have to go to Board of Finance for an added appropriation.

A Summer concert series has been added to the East Windsor Park schedule. The concerts will be held on Tuesdays in conjunction with the car show. The plan is to have two concerts a month from June and September. The Park and Rec staff are in the process of booking bands. Admission to the Park will be free after 4 pm on those days. The snack bar will be open and offering a \$5 meal deal

National Night out is the first Tuesday in August. A family concert is planned for that night along with several other family and youth-oriented activities.

**MOTION: To ACCEPT the Park Director's Report as presented.  
Bagdikian moved/Taylor second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous.**

- f. Donation of \$250 to Broad Brook Angling for Fishing Derby  
Director Maltese requested that the Commission approve a donation of \$250 to Broad Brook Angling for the Fishing Derby. This is done every year and provides for prizes for Fishing Derby.

**MOTION: To Donate \$250 to Broad Brook Angling for Fishing Derby.  
Simpkins moved/ Taylor second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you note from Shag Bark farm for our donation of a Free Season Pass to East Windsor Park.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Peter who works here through grant from the Town Clerks Office found a plan for a town recreation area. The plan was created December 1965.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were approved by Commissioner Simpkins

**ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:37 pm  
Bagdikian moved/Taylor second/Vote: In favor Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

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Alma Irene Mosher  
Recording Secretary