

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

MEETING  
March 8, 2021

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 and Taylor; BOS Liaison DeSousa, Director Maltese, 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.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Questions: What was the thinking behind removing all the trees in the Park? What is the plan? Why was every single tree removed in the Park? What is left is just an eyesore. Now it looks like a tornado hit. I thought the goal was to beautify the Park for the people to enjoy games and music. Now it is an absolute eyesore. I would like to know what the plan is, what things will be done and in what priority. What arborist was consulted?

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

I cannot believe the audacity and arrogance of town to damage the property of neighbors abutting Park on both Skinner Road and Reservoir Road. If I had done cut down trees on your property. The way residents were notified was gutless, deceitful, and reckless. Letters were not sent out registered mail and I probably didn't receive it. If you even cared about the person who abutted the property, you would have reached out in person. Who determined that all the trees need to be removed? What was the qualifications of the person making the decision? More importantly, I want to know what the plan is going forward? When is it going to be done? What is the cost to the taxpayers of East Windsor? I went on web site to see if it was put out to bid. Again, what is the plan and when will it be completed? Right now, Martha and I have options, a. plant our own trees, b. move out, c. maybe you could communicate your plan and all would be acceptable and we would move on. One last thing, I have spent more time in the Park than anyone else on this call. I am going to be in your grill.

Dawn Burns, 39 Skinner Road, Broad Brook, CT 06016.

I live across street from Mike and Martha. I have lived here 10 years. I am in shock that no one is on this call to answer to questions. I am not directly affected. I am concerned as to what the plan is and surprised that there has been no communication. I have not seen anything on the Town Web site. I got the letter last June. I was notified by house shaking. Confusion, and communication are the problem. How will the neighborhood be notified?

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of January 11, 2021 Meeting as written  
Taylor moved/ Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Budget 2021-2022\***

- a. Financial Accounts Review 2020-2021  
Expense in budget for Sanitary Survey of drinking water system at East Windsor Park and over time for evening ZOOM programing
- b. Park Projects Update  
Meeting tomorrow with landscape architect for walking trail, benches and plantings. With the removal of trees, approximately ½ mile of usable land was gained.  
On Wednesday, framing of the band shell will begin.  
Looking into putting driveway aprons on Dog Park, Skate Park and Community Gardens.
- c. Park Director's Report  
Outdoor programing is being planned for upcoming season. The director stated that she is hoping to hear April 2 about summer camp. How things are run will depend on the Executive Orders and guidelines that will be put in place. applications for summer employment are currently being accepted. The Director stated that at this point she is not about swim lesson since there are no guidelines at this time. It is hoped that the car show will be able to return this summer. All planning is dependent on executive orders and guideline.  
The Commissioners received the March Calendar of activities in meeting packet. Recreation Lead Charette explained the "Pot of Gold" hunt around the Parks. There are two hidden in each Park. Some in plan sight and some are more hidden. There is a score card on web site that can be printed out to keep track of the ones that are found.  
Director Maltese stated that this year instead of bunny breakfast the department is partnering with local business for a "Bunny scavenger hunt". Local business purchased have purchased wooden bunnies which they will decorate and display at their businesses. Families are encouraged to find these bunnies, take a picture with them and post them to Parks and rec.

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Each participating business will be featured on the Park and Rec web site during the month of April. Spring soccer East Windsor Youth soccer will begin with a clinic weekend of April 12. This year they will have travel soccer. The two fields at Park and the field at Abbe Road will be utilized. Little league will have 2 AAA teams, 1 AA team and 1 instructional team. This year the softball program combined with Windsor. Games will start on April 24.

Director Maltese stated that the staff has been assisting with the local vaccine clinics. Heartwarming to see many people and being able to walk them through the process of getting the vaccine

d. Fishing Derby BB angling club has not made a decision. Set aside \$250.

**MOTION: To APPROVE set aside \$250 for the Fishing Derby should it be able run.  
Bagdikian 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**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Parks and Rec will once again Collaborate with East Windsor Athletic club for annual golf tournament.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were approved by Commissioner Szymanski.

**ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:34 pm**

**Taylor moved/Bagdikian second/Vote: In favor Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

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Alma Irene Mosher  
Recording Secretary

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