

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

MEETING  
July 12, 2021

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 Szymanski; Commissioners Bagdikian, Simpkins and Taylor; Board of Selectman Liaison DeSousa; Director Maltese, Recreation Lead Charette and A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Michael Ceppetelli, 42 Skinner Road, Broad Brook, CT 06016. Commenting on the Summer Fun Camp: Is anyone taking account of the cost to run the camp. There are at least 9 people working which will be a cost of \$4000 a week for the town. The charge per camper is \$150 per week, therefore it would take 29 people per week to cover the cost. I can assure you that 29 people have not shown up. Then there is the cost of food for which I am sure the town is paying and also the cost of overhead for administration, T-shirts, etc. It is one thing for a taxpayer to help with funding for in town people but it says on the web site that it is open to out of town people. The taxpayers should not be paying for out-of-town people.

In the last meeting I brought up some erosion problems. There have been some efforts to clean it up. The drains and silk fencing are not working. Basically, you are not doing anything to take care of the erosion. The next time I bring it up, it will be with DEP. If it was any other person in town, the town would be all over it. The town should be setting the example. You are making a mess. It is apparent that the draining system is not set up for drainage. Drainage goes over the banks and into the stream. This is a capital NO for wetlands. I never saw a wetlands permit. My guess is that it has never been reviewed. It is apparent that the drainage in place is not adequate.

Splash pad is working after a years' worth of work. Interesting that there are water trucks that are delivering water to the splash pad. I can't believe that we spend ½ a million dollars on a splash pad and are having problems with water. Was not the well studied and is it not

sufficient. That explains why I was approached about connecting with the town water across the street from here.

I have not seen an RFQ in play for master plan to evaluate town parks at the cost \$32,000. I didn't see a the RFQ on the town site. I would like to know the status of that. It seems to be closing the barn door after the horses are out. Should have done the study before the splash pad and the removal of trees. I don't think it has anything to do with this particular board. It is probably the Selectman. It appears to be a staling technique.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of the May 10, 2021 Meeting as written**  
**Taylor moved/Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Financial accounts review

The Commissioners were given the end of fiscal year report. The final report has not come out from the Treasurer's office. The department is In a good place for the end of the year budget season. Were able to purchase hand sanitizers and permanent signage at the park. Commissioner Szymanski asked if those were reimbursable expense. The director stated that they would be reimbursed from the COVID funds.

July is Parks and Recreation Month

The Commissioners were given the July calendar. The theme this year is "Our Park and Recreation Story." We are encouraging residents to share with us what they love about our parks and playgrounds. Maybe some things they have loved throughout their lives. The calendar shows the different special activities available during this month. Some activities have had to be rescheduled due to the constant rain. The Concert which was scheduled for July 8 will be rescheduled as soon we can get a date. Noodle night also had to be rescheduled.

b. Park Director's report

The Director stated that the RFQ for the Master Plan is being finalized. She stated that she has approached other towns to get their find out what other they have done for their planning and implementing of the Plan.

Director Maltese stated that season pass sales and pavilion rentals are trending back to the 2019 pre COVID period. The Director also stated that she and other members of the department have received many comments about how beautiful the park is. Many people who have lived here all their lives and not ever come to park.

The two concerts that have been held were a great success. There were 275 people at the first and over 300 at the second. People were bringing full dinners and also using the town businesses for meals. As people arrive they are given a flier with snack bar menu and menu and phone #s to town businesses. The next concert is July 28<sup>th</sup>. We have been getting many compliments regarding the events held at the Park and also the beauty of the Park.

The water in the swimming area did not pass for safety because of all the rain. It will be retested on Tuesday. Hopefully swimming will reopen on Thursday. The splash pad, however, has been well used.

Planning fall program has begun. The Director stated that the department will once again be able to use the school. This will facilitate the return of after school programs this fall. All programs will follow CDC guidelines as well as the school's guidelines regarding masks etc. Abby's helping hand will be able to return here when ready.

The first Saturday in October, East Windsor Park will host Abby's Helping Hand walk. Prior to that August 21 Broad Brook Fire Department will be hosting its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. That evening they will be doing fireworks somewhere in town.

Commissioner Taylor asked if Dance classes would return in the fall. The Director stated that we have once again contracted with St. John's church to use their facility. She is in the process of hiring a new instructor as Miss Jenna is leaving to take on a full-time job in another state. We are anticipating returning to full classes and a recital in the Spring.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were approved by Commissioner Simpkins.

**ADJOURMENT**

Town of East Windsor  
Parks and Rec Commission  
Regular Meeting July 12, 2021

**MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:34 pm**  
**Simpkins moved/Bagdikian second/Vote: In favor Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

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Alma Irene Mosher  
Recording Secretary