

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING  
September 11, 2017

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, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT

**PRESENT:** Chairman Symanski; Commissioners Bagdikian, and Simpkins; Director Maltese, A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office.

**ABSENT:** Liaison Selectman Pippin; Commissioners Leach and Cruz

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of July 10, 2017 Meeting as written**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. East Windsor Dog Park  
Director Maltese reminded the Commission of Barktoberfest that would be held on October 17, 2017. This year they will be bringing back to costume contest.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Financial Accounts Review  
Commission Members were given a copy of the Summary of accounts to date for this fiscal year. There is currently a spending freeze for anything other than what is needed for day to day operation. The department is putting off any upgrades of equipment. This will be in effect until the State passes its budget.
- b. East Windsor Park Seasonal Update  
The Director stated that there were no issues with non-residents using East Windsor Park. Despite the fact that this was a rainy summer which affected several weekend, park usage, overall income was ahead of the previous year. The addition of swim lessons provided additional income. The Commissioners were given a given a copy of the 3 comparison of usage and income for the Park.

c. Aquatic Update

This summer there were 93 participants in the swim program. The life guards and instructors did an excellent job. Goals for the swim program include evening swim lessons and adult classes. Also the development of a Junior Life Guard Program which could develop into a feeder into the life guard program.

During Park and Rec month (July) there were several special events on the beach. Noodle night was one of the big hits. There were free swim nights when residents could enter the Park after 5 at no charge and enjoy a swim.

After school programs are being developed for both Broad Brook Elementary and East Windsor Middle school.

d. Park Directors report.

The Director stated that it was a busy summer. Since there are still some invoices that have not yet been received, department is still working on finishing the financials for camp. The counselors did a great job. There were 2 campers removed from camp because of behavioral issues and the safety of the other campers. The parents have asked that camp be extended 2 more weeks. The Director is looking into the possibility but staffing could be an issue since the young people leave to return to college. They have also asked that field trip fees be included in the over all cost. Since each field trip has a different cost, this may not be possible. All staff members wore official East Windsor ID's which helped all patrons to identify staff should they need help or have a concern.

During Park and Rec month (July), there were many different activities available which helped to get the word out about the beautiful Park facilities available in East Windsor. It was also the perfect time to showcase the new park and Rec Department logo. It is the Director's intention to participate in National Park and Rec month next year and plan activities in connection with the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Town of East Windsor.

Fall activities are beginning with flyers going home from the schools outlining everything that is available. The dance program will begin on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Halloween Happening will be on Thursday, October 26, from 6 to 7:30pm. Having this even during the week doesn't interfere with families who have weekend plans. The High School Leo's Club is helping with the event and will get community services hours. The Christmas Carol sing and Torchlight Parade will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Broad Brook Fire House.

The Power Pack program with Hunger Action Team will begin again October 6<sup>th</sup>. They now have a new space in the Town Hall Annex. During the summer one of the camp counsellors, Melissa Wabble, started a program called Wabble's bottles in which collected water bottles and took them to be recycled. She was able to raise \$300 which she donated to the Power pack program. Director Maltese has received

permission to move the bins to the High School so that the program can continue through the school year.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commissioners were given a copy letter from the Veteran's commission thanking Parks and Rec for organizing and hosting the July 19<sup>th</sup> concert for veterans.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were approved by Commissioner Simpkins.

**ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:22 pm**

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

Respectfully Submitted

---

Alma Irene Mosher  
Recording Secretary