

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING
March 13, 2017

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, 76 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT

PRESENT: Chairman Szymanski; Commissioners Bagdikian and Simpkins; Director Maltese, Samantha Wilson and A. Irene Mosher from the Park Office.

ABSENT: Commissioners Leach and Cruz; Deputy First Selectman Pippin.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To APPROVE minutes of the January 19, 2017 Special Meeting as written

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. East Windsor Dog Park
No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Aquatics report
Samantha Wilson, Aquatics/Youth Program Supervisor, stated that registrations for swimming have been opened on line and there have already been responses. There will be flyers going home to parents within the next month. There are 2 existing life guards who are presently enrolled in the WSI program. On Sunday, July 15 2018 there will be swim event in conjunction with the East Windsor Town 250th celebration.
- b. Financial accounts review
The numbers will begin to drop soon when the big-ticket items are ordered. The Director stated that she had planned to order sand this week but that had to be delayed because of the impending snow storm. Once the snow has cleared and DPW had room to for storage, it will be ordered.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the financial report as presented.
Simpkins moved/ Bagdikian second/VOTE: In favor: Unanimous

c. Budget 2017-2018

East Windsor Board of Finance is to meet Wednesday, March 15, 2017. \$3500 for signage for the parks has been cut from the original budget. There is a possibility of getting a supplemental appropriation for this project or it could be returned to the budget by the Board of Finance.

d. Bathrooms at Osborn Field

The sidewalks have been poured and regraded. The contractor will be installing a drinking fountain and the spigot requested by the Little League so they will be able to water the field.

e. Part time Clerk opening

The position is vacant at this time. The position has been advertised and applications are being received in the Selectman's office. The Director will be going through them next week and will be setting up interviews. This is a permanent part-time position.

f. Softball Field usage at East Windsor Park

The Director stated that she had received a request from a coed soft ball league to rent the field at East Windsor Park on Tuesdays and Thursday from May 7th to August 15th. There would be 2 games per night. They are fully insured. The charge would be \$100 per game or \$150 per week. The Director would make a request to keep the money in a special revenue fund to be used for special projects.

g. Park Director's Report

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be April 8, 2017. The Rotary Club will once again be providing the pancake breakfast. Funds raised through sponsorships and raffles will be used for scholarships to camp.

Employment applications for seasonal workers are currently being accepted. There are spots for lifeguards and snack bar but currently no spots for camp counsellors.

The Director would like to publicly thank Public Works for removing problem trees at East Windsor Park. Most were on the tree line on the Reservoir Road side and behind the drainage area. They will come back and remove the stumps.

The Director stated that steps are being take to establish a Youth Services Bureau in East Windsor. The Board of Selectman have given permission to seek legislative approval for a Youth Services Bureau in the Town of East Windsor. All Youth Services Bureaus are state mandated. Representative Christopher Davis is advocating for the Town with the legislature. The minimum funding is \$14000 which would need to be matched by the Town. The Superintendent of schools has agreed to provide the busing from children from East Windsor Middle School to the High School and to use a wing of the high school which would be an in-kind match of \$7000. The other \$7000 could be split between the Town and the Board of Ed. The target date for implementation is next school year. If they were to close the Youth Center, Wendy Parker would still be able to be involved as a volunteer but would no longer have to worry about raising funds every month to operate the center. The center will run every day after school from October to May.

The Power Pack program has started with 12 children enrolled. The parents love the program. One parent even went to Human Services to thank them for the program. A donation of 200 tooth brushes and tooth paste has been received from the PTO.

On May 13, 2017, there will be a Lady in Red Color Walk/Fun Run to honor the "Lady in Red" Approval has been received from the family to run this event. It will be 3 laps around East Windsor Park. There will be a DJ and other activities as well. The money raised from this event will be used for the youth of the community.

East Windsor (Reservoir) Park/ Warehouse Point (Osborne Field) Park:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills were approved by Commissioner Simpkins

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ADJOURMENT

MOTION: To AJOURN MEETING AT 6:25 pm

Simpkins moved/Bagdikian second/Vote: In favor Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Alma Irene Mosher
Recording Secretary