



**Easton Park & Recreation**  
**May 2, 2016**  
**Commission Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Phil Tamallanca, Kirsten Ceva, John Broadbin, Tom Cable, Dave Gombos, AJ Martinich, Ray Longo, Gary Simone, Lisa Farasciano, Danielle Alves

Absentee(s):

Meeting called to order @ 7:14pm

**Minutes**

The February 2016 minutes were distributed and reviewed.

AJ Martinich - Accept

Phil Tamallanca- Second

All in favor of accepting the minutes

**Financial Reports**

**Operating Budget** – Report distributed and Gary Simone discusses the account. The maintenance account is discussed and what employees are hired for the summer. Discussion about weekend work is held. John Broadbin inquiries about the operating budget current balance and the end of the year in two months.

**Capital/Activity Account** – Danielle Alves discusses the account. She is going to try and get one more reconciliation before the end of June. The playground fundraiser is discussed by Gary Simone and Danielle Alves. They told the commission they are looking at a premanufactured playscape, with swings, slides and climbers. Comes with delivery and installation. John Broadbin and Gary Simone discuss the bid and purchase of a new truck. John Broadbin discusses the specs for the truck. He will send specs to Gary Simone.

**Field Usage Account** – Discussion held by Gary Simone. He discusses that our field rentals are going well and in high demand. Fred Tencic is handling the scheduling of the fields. Gary Simone discusses AYSO.

Tom Cable - made a motion to accept the Operating Budget, Activity/Capital Accounts and Field Use Account for May 2016.

AJ Martinich - Second

All in favor

**Unfinished Business**

**Ext Day** – Danielle Alves states that Ext Day is going very well.

**Programs** – Acting and chess programs did not run this session, all other classes did well. All classes end the week before school ends. Five more weeks before the end of school the school year. Summer camp registrations are slow right now, but still a little early. John Broadbin asks the commission what they think of getting the Aspetuck river prepared for swimming. Danielle Alves states that she is not fond of the children at day camp swimming in the river. She states that she is much more comfortable with a splash pad at Aspetuck Park. Phil Tamallanca is not in favor of the kids swimming at day camp either. Gary Simone discusses the project the Boy Scouts did at Aspetuck Park and what a great job they did. Gary Simone talks about another successful fishing derby that was Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had a great turnout even in the rain.

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### **New Business**

Night of Gratitude and Playground Fundraiser – May 26<sup>th</sup> at Brennan's in Fairfield. Recognize and nominate Easton volunteers and raise money for the new playground.

Financial Aid - Danielle Alves speaks to the commission regarding determining a cap for the financial aid total amount that we can request of the Board of Finance. Discussion is held. Phil Tamallanca feels that we should set a precedent as to what our financial aid is used for, and that there should be a cap per family. John Broadbin suggests a universal policy for financial aid for Easton residents with approval from Easton Social Services. He feels it should be applied to all programs/camps at all times of the year. Danielle Alves states that the requests in the past have only been for Day Camp and no other programs. John states that we should go case by case and not determine one specific number. Residents must be approved by social services first. Discussion is held regarding in-house programs verses vendor run programs. The decision will be tabled until May. Commission needs to think about cap per family, any cap at all, and in-house verses vendor run programs/camps.

Bus Depot at Vets – John Broadbin discusses. Gary Simone shows the drawing to the commission. Bus depot and additional parking for the ball fields. Park and Rec garage would have to move storage containers and the tennis courts are already closed. Location has natural gas already. Phil Tamallanca wants to know if anyone has looked into traffic issues moving the busses to Vets field. John Broadbin states that this is probably the best place for the busses.

### **Public –**

**Accidents** – Discussion was held.

AJ Martinich - made a motion to adjourn.  
Kirsten Ceva - seconded.  
All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Submitted by– Lisa Farasciano

