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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Parks and Recreation Commission

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025  
7:00PM, at 31 Arbor Way  
Virtual option available

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gordon Oliver, Tom Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Sherry Kraus, Kevin Hayes, Cheri Murphy and Tara Kozik.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary M. Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Kevin Barrett, Recreation Supervisor and Jason Marut, Ellington Resident.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commission Chairman Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

**II. CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. E-mail from Jason Marut, Community Member-Subject: Inequity in Basketball.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOVED (KRAUS) SECONDED (KOZIK) TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 11, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WITH CHANGES TO AMEND THE MINUTES FROM (BOSCARINO) IN SECTIONS VI RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT AND SECTION IX A. BASKETBALL CONSIDERATIONS #3 NON-RESIDENT PLAYER REQUEST. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO AMEND THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM:** Jason Marut, community member, was present regarding a matter of coaching lacrosse for the 2025 season. He had provided the commission with a letter of concern along with additional support letters from community members about the decision of the coaching assignment for the Girls Junior lacrosse team for the 2025 season. Mr. Marut is seeking answers as to why he was not chosen to coach lacrosse this year and an explanation of how head coaches are assigned in the process each season.

**V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

**VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Dustin Huguenin reported to the commission that our Basketball season has completed. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade boys Travel Team won their division. Ellington Little League Baseball is planning to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting to request extending the lighting schedule to 10pm on all park lights. There is a new Team Tennis program being offered this spring by Rich Willis, and a Dek Hockey program. Summer Camp registrations are open and filling up nicely. The camp will be held again this summer at Crystal Lake School. The first Easter Egg Hunt (Glow in the Dark) is being held Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ Tedford Park. Lastly, a request for a non-resident lacrosse player for the boy's junior team.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance: Budget is in process of deliberations with Board of Finance and Board of Selectman.
- B. Maintenance: None
- C. Operations: Thomas Boscarino is setting up a meeting with the subcommittee members to review travel team roster limits etc.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Parks Master Plan: Engineered Design Specifications of the Beach Master Plan are included in this year's proposed budget.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Travel Basketball Roster Limits: Operations subcommittee to review.

B. Parks & Recreation Ordinances: Town administration is currently reviewing the Town Charter policy on dog ordinances.

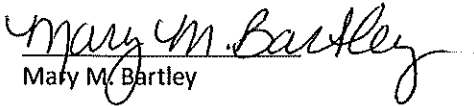
C. FY 26 Budget: Deliberation meetings have begun.

D. Market Park: Dustin reported that the Farmers Market desires to make their current location an official Park in the Town. Diane Trueb and Matt Reed met with Dustin to discuss.

**X. ADJOURN:**

MOVED (COSTANZO) SECONDED (HAYES) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:59PM.

Submitted by:

  
Mary M. Bartley