

Eastford Recreation Commission

Minutes

Special Meeting February 4, 2023 9:30AM

Eastford Congregational Church Lower Level  
8 Church Road, Eastford, CT 06242

Members in Attendance: Paige Burgess, Mike Moran, Mike Bilica, Laura Barlow

Citizens in Attendance: Tim Howard, Seth Budd

1. Meeting called to order by Paige Burgess at 9:30AM
2. Minutes from January 28 meeting were reviewed and discussed. **Motion** by Mike Moran and Seconded by Mike Bilica to approve. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote
3. Paige discussed the three office holders, President, Vice President, and Secretary and accepted nominations from the floor. After discussion, the following individuals agreed to the positions.
  - a. President: Paige Burgess, Motion LB, 2nd MM
  - b. Vice President: Mike Moran, Motion PB, 2nd: MB
  - c. Secretary: Mike Bilica, Motion MM, 2nd PB

All 3 were approved by unanimous vote
4. Mike Moran discussed the Recreational Sports opportunities and the possible facilities available, namely the Eastford Baptist Church, the Eastford School Gym, and the Eastford Playground.
  - a. Mike Bilica discussed the prior arrangement with the school and difficulties scheduling there in the evenings
  - b. Tim Howard discussed the availability of the Eastford Baptist Church as a venue, which would be available for free
  - c. Mike Moran discussed insurance
  - d. **Motion** was proposed for the Commission to sponsor Adult pickup basketball once weekly through April 2023, and then again from September 2023 through April 2024, Motion: MM, 2nd MB

Motion passed by unanimous vote

  - e. Mike Moran led further discussion of other potential sports such as volleyball, pickleball, and softball
  - f. Discussion about possible collaboration with Eastford Elementary School to provide After School Basketball or Volleyball Fundamentals for the elementary grades. **Motion** proposed for Mike Moran to arrange a meeting with Carol McCombe about co-sponsoring After School programming, Motion MB, 2nd LB

5. Mike Moran provided history and background for the Eastford Annual Green Up Day and the possibility of using the Recreation commission special fund to receive donations from sponsors.

- a. **Motion** Recreation Commission Special Fund will be used for accepting funds authorized by the Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission for the Eastford Green Up Day, Motion: MM, 2nd MB

- i. Discussion concerned the lack of information available to the commission about the special fund, as well as the premature announcement of the town sponsorship for the event that had been posted by a citizen organizer to social media. Mike Moran received information about the proper way to utilize the fund from the town bookkeeper, and that this event was the 5th time (over 6 years annually except 2020) and had strong support from both churches and many in town.

Motion passed 3 in favor, 1 opposed

6. Paige discussed a 1 page flyer listing all recreation events in and around town

- a. **Motion** The Commission will start a monthly flyer that will be a calendar of events to publish on the Commission page on the Town Website as well as the Town Board, Motion: LB, 2nd MM

- i. Discussion concerned the available outlets for sharing information and the need for a listing of town events

Motion passed by unanimous vote

7. **Motion** to Adjourn, Motion: MM, 2nd LB

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03AM

Respectfully submitted, Michael Bilica 2/6/2023