



## TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520  
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### **Park Board minutes**

August 22, 2011

#### **Attendees:**

Park Board members:

Mr. Mike Weise – chairperson

Mr. Jeff Parks

Mr. Ed Pinder

Others:

Mrs. Lorraine Gould – Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

Regular meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Gould pointed out the minutes from the June 2011 meeting should have read: “Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shafer residents of the Matthewstown Run Community contacted Mrs. Gould about placing a new lacrosse goal in the park.” Park Board members voted to accept the revised minutes.

National Night Out was held in Moton Park and was a success again this year. The committee is looking forward to doing something again next year on the first Tuesday in August 2012 for National Night Out.

Bark in the Park will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 in Idlewild Park. Mrs. Gould will meet with Ms. Patty Quimby (Executive Director of Talbot Humane) to finalize items for the event. Will discuss horse and buggy rides and making sure the horse and dogs are being picked up after throughout the event.

Mrs. Gould will be in contact with her contact person for the WaterFowl festival. The event will take place this year November 11 – 13. Safety of the children climbing on the tank during the

dock dog event was a concern and Mrs. Gould should bring that to the attention of her contact person. They will need to make sure a fence is placed in the area and they should make sure they comb the entire and stress cleaning up after their dogs.

The Park and Recreation staff should continue monitoring the Town parks and reminding people “no pets allowed” in the park. The only approved events that pets are allowed are for the Bark in the Park and WaterFowl Festival. Park Board is considering if this needs to be placed in the General Park and Facility rules.

Public Works will try to fix the bottom of the fence at the tennis courts soon as they can. There is concern over people using the tennis courts for profit. This is against the General Park and Facility rules. There was a discussion of placing a booth near the tennis courts and have staff visible or having whoever is working the skate park mobile. It was also thought was the possibility of renting a court to give lessons? Since there are three courts, maybe set one aside to rent from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and have it scheduled. This way the proper paperwork should be obtained and the money could help with the upkeep of the facility. Park Board members thought we could see how other areas handle this situation. Park members are happy to see the courts get the use they are getting but do not want the rules to be broken.

Mrs. Gould will check the light at the gazebo in Idlewild Park. It was seen to be on one night and a group was gathered in the area. The light near the entrance of the children’s play area does stay on at night. It was suppose to be motion censored. It does not seem to be a problem and no one has been seen gathering in the area.

Mrs. Gould will contact the police department again over the vehicles that remain parked on the Aurora Street side of Idlewild Park in the parking area. The police department will contact violators.

The water fountain in Idlewild Park in area of the children’s garden has been fixed. The garden club has asked the town to purchase mulch for the area where the boat is located. Mrs. Gould asked her contact with Gametime for a quote on engineered wood fiber for the area. Instead of just getting quote for one park, she will get a quote for all of the parks that could be topped off. It would make more sense. The freight is expensive.

Mrs. Gould is looking to get a contact person with Miracle Play equipment. She would like to have an entrance to the play area at Matthewstown Run. There should be one in the area. There is a slide in Ian “Mac” Morrell Park (Chapel) that is in need of a replacement.

There will be a Community Get Together in Moton Park on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Board suggested making sure all equipment is in working order.

Board members suggested continue moving the soccer goals around in Moton Park. The grass has been really worn out. The restroom doors of Idlewild and Moton Parks need to have a fresh coat of commercial paint next year. The new sidewalks at Idlewild Park really look nice. Public works did a nice job on them.

Over the last few years, all of the parks in the Town of Easton have grown and are really getting used. The play areas seem to be well maintained and cleaned. The staff is doing a good job.

The fields at the sports complex are fertilized. Lawns Unlimited is the contractor and they come in seasonally to take care of this.

There will be a meeting with the Park Board members, Friends and North Easton Sports Complex and "Users" of the sports complex on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers. This is a follow-up and dialogue meeting of ways the Town and Users of the sports complex can work together building and maintaining the facility.

No more business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm until the next regular meeting on September 26, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Town of Easton