

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MEETING  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

Members Present: Anthony McGovern, Greg Dion, Sheri Litchfield, Francis Armentano, Valerie Eastwood, and Jared Barry

Staff Present: Sandra Yost, Daphne Shinder

Absent: Jennifer Bilodeau

Public: None present

Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m. Because there are new Board Members, Chairman McGovern asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by S. Litchfield, seconded by G. Dion, the Board approved the minutes as written with a correction of the start time from 6:05pm to 7:05pm. (6-0-0)

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON:** F. Armentano motioned to have Chairman McGovern and Vice Chairman Dion continue in their current roles. The motion was seconded by V. Eastwood. (6-0-0)

**PUBLIC SESSION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Park Improvements/Master Plan
  - Update on consultant engagement
    - Chairman McGovern gave a brief overview to the new Board Members regarding how we got to where we are now (engaging w/consultant for study). Consultant funded by ARPA Fund (American Rescue Plan Act – COVID Relief).
  - GZA doing preliminary work – wetlands study and doing their homework. They have reached out to the high users of the park (i.e. Rovers, Little League, Lacrosse, etc.). April 1<sup>st</sup> and 6pm in the Park House Gathering Room, there will be a public session to provide input on the Park Study. The next phase will be the distribution of a survey. A conversation ensued on Ahrens Park use. G. Dion and J. Barry said that both Granbeast Little League and Rovers are in need of additional field space. J. Barry asked if GZA is aware of the flooding issues. S. Yost state she believes they are aware of that.

- Subcommittee Updates
    - Policy setting around fee structure (pending draft) & Policy setting around Recreation Fund (pending draft)
- Chairman McGovern gave a brief overview to the new Board Members regarding the importance of creating these new policies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Small capital improvement plan, maintenance plan (ex. Sound mitigation)
  - Director Yost shared the list of Small Cap funding requests
    - The Board went over the items that were on the list.
- Staff updates
  - Director Yost shared the following updates from the Recreation Department:
    - Next Program Guide will be coming out in May
    - Currently hiring summer staff (counselors, lifeguards)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

ON A MOTION by G. Dion, seconded by F. Armentano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.  
(6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder  
Recording Secretary