

**Minutes of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission for August 16, 2023. The meeting was held at East Longmeadow High School field.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 by Chairperson Tom Kaye.

Roll Call: Tom Kaye, Bill Rinaldi, Don LePage, Kevin McLoughlin, Nancy Roberts, Donna Prather (Recreation Director)

**Guest to Address the Commission:**

Dave Martinez, Donna Martinez (East Longmeadow Lion Club)  
Katie Hill (East Longmeadow Rotary)

Dave and Donna Martinez suggested that next year we combine their cornhole tournament and our Octoberfest

Katie Hill suggested that there be an email chain between groups so everyone knew of other groups activities in so that there can be more collaboration. Katie would like to work with ELF to jumpstart improvements/projects at Brown Farm and Heritage Park.

**Director's Report:**

\*Revolving account must be spent down. Donna will check immediate needs.

\*Pine Knoll needs some improvement

\*School Lease contract is up. Will be negotiating next year's contract. Donna will compile a list of items we do for the high school

\*Softball wants to split off from the Recreation Dept. A plan for use of fields and equipment need to be devised. Donna recommends a meeting with the softball board.

**Old Business:**

\*The service agreement with sports associations needs to be enforced.

\*How to enforce it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Octoberfest will be held on September 21, 2023. A discussion was held

about possible activities including a bounce house, trail walks, pumpkin decorating, raffle baskets, guessing the weight of the pumpkin, donut on the string. Suggested we have a chuck the gourd game. One Way Brewery will supply beer and Bobby Barkett will supply food. Bill will work on a flyer and lawn signs. Ralph Paige will work on trail and property cleanup. There will be an ELF table and information about future projects at Brown Farm.

### **New Business:**

\*Player/Coach contract was tabled

\*Bill Rinaldi made a motion seconded by Tom Kaye that stated, "The first project that the Recreation Commission should support at Brown Farm is a splash pad". Passed 4-0

Tom Kaye made a motion seconded by Kevin McLoughlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. Passed 4-0

The next regular meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Department will be held on September 13, 2023, at 5:30 at Brown Farm at 64 Hampden Road.