I. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Keegan Conference Room.

II. A motion was made by Mr. Dell’Abate seconded by Mr. DiVincenzo to approve the Board Minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting. 7-0-0

III. Dorothy Hamill Rink, Sue Snyder

Ms. Snyder reported on the highlights of this season at the rink:

In house programs: lessons Fall session: 214 participants slightly down from last year  
Winter session: 370 participants slightly up from last year  
Hockey: 103 participants; a few less than less than last year.

This year is the 40th annual Town Skating Competition, it is scheduled for February 26. A new registration process was in place this year, on-line registration. On-line registration is used all over the country through this website. A total of 174 participants registered, which is significantly up from previous years.

Ms. Caplan added, the Burochoff family donated funds to The Parks and Recreation Foundation to provide prizes to promising skaters.

Ms. Snyder announced that this year the rink will offer LiveBarn service. LiveBarn provides live streaming of hockey games with cameras that were installed over the ice. Games can either be watched live or on demand for a monthly fee. The Department can generate some revenue, by users signing up for the service with a special code. The department will get a % and it does not cost the department anything.

Ms. Snyder reported that Eversource has a project underway that will update power into the building.

Ms. Snyder reported that so far, things are running relatively smoothly, there no major expenditures in the cue right now except for a new rink.

Mr. Loh added that the most worrisome thing is that the slab is the original, other facilities have had their slabs crack sooner than ours. If it cracks, the refrigerant lines that run through it would require a shut down for at least a few days to find and repair the crack.
Mr. Siciliano added that the rink is over 45 years old, and stated that his primary concern is about the stability of the slab and the refrigeration tubes in there.

Mr. Johnson stated that the rink is getting to a point similarly to the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center where a lot of good money is being spent after bad money. Mr. Siciliano added that approximately $300k+ has been spent on the rink in the last couple of years on equipment. There is a $5M placeholder in the 2021-22 DPW budget for the rink.

Mr. Siciliano stated that the delayed school start times will hurt the schedule at the rink. For years, the department has negotiated with the high school for the after school time slot for practice, and now with the delayed time, other users will need to be adjusted in order to accommodate the high school practice.

IV. Sub-Committee Reports - Dorothy Hamill Rink, Rick Loh
Mr. Loh advised that he, Ms. Snyder, and Rich Ernye met with Peter Tesei. Mr. Tesei is aware of the placeholder in the budget and understands the need for a new rink.

Mr. Loh reported that Ms. Snyder met with various user groups and he and Bill Drake of the BET met with members of the Skating Club. What's happened since the EGCC meeting with the D’Andrea brothers where the possibility of an ice rink at the EGCC site was mentioned, is that those interested in skating have come out of the woodwork and are asking questions that are too premature to answer.

Mr. Loh added that if the rink is placed at the EGCC, that is all that will be there. If it were placed in the same location, there would be no concern from P&Z. Mr. Loh suggested a second surface may be needed to cover the demand for prime times and the user groups could pay for it; a revenue generator.

Mr. Loh further added that another option would be to build a new rink on the baseball field next to the existing rink, Hamill Rink stays to be used as a second rink to cover prime time. The field behind Western needs to be updated; the baseball field can be moved to Western to accommodate those that would use Strazza. Mr. Siciliano added it would be on the field, it’s a tradeoff, either a rink or a field.

Ms. Snyder stated the committee has discussed the possibility of constructing the new rink adjacent to the existing rink so that the existing rink can be used while the construction is taking place (lose field temporarily) or place a temporary rink elsewhere and build in the same footprint—need to consider all options.

Upon discussion of various options, Ms. Snyder stated the committee is just getting started. They will reach out to key members of the community to get involved and work on flushing out ideas.

V. Binney Park Master Plan, Bruce Spaman/Joe Siciliano
Mr. Spaman reported that there is movement on the Binney Park Master Plan. Not much was done this year; the dredge is looming. Working on the south side, below Wescum Wood Road. Curtailed the planting due to the drought last year. Mr. Spaman reported he is hesitant to remove trees (approx. 100 trees) without being able to re-plant them. Discussions have taken place regarding work on the north end along Sound Beach to create curb appeal. The dredge is going to be a disruption. The walking paths will be extended to create a loop connecting them together. There are playground components that may be installed. The project will dovetail in with the idea of an arboretum in the major parks.

Ms. Caplan stated that she will package the planting plan and bring it to the garden clubs for the spring and try and get them to help with some funding. Mr. Spaman added he will consider a rendering.

Mr. Siciliano advised that he met with the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Jim Michel to review the status of the Binney Dredge project.

Mr. Siciliano reviewed the Binney Pond timeline; 6 months have been set aside for the work. The project is expected to start in July after the fireworks.
The pond will be dewatered and diverted; this includes a setup of pumps that will pump water into the other side of the down side of stream. The permit application was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers; it is anticipated that a permit will be issued by mid-February. The permit application has also been submitted to the DEEP, anticipating the permit by the end of February. DPW is working on the specifications and drawings; these will go out to bid mid-late February with a mid-March return. In the next few months, DPW will be conducting more sediment analysis; all of the disposal facilities require this within the six months leading up to the dredge. There is a $3.5M appropriation in the 2018 budget. The funds will be vetted at the February 6 BET Budget Committee, and then it will go the March BET Committee followed by the May RTM Committee.

Mr. Siciliano added that letters of support and people behind the project will be most helpful. Letters should reference DPW capital account 302, Binney Park Dredge.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports-EGCC-Gary Dell’Abate

Mr. Dell’Abate reported that the Sub-Committee met preceding this meeting. The meeting included members from the Cos Cob Association, Riverside Association, President of the Old Greenwich Association and the head of the OGRCC who have formed a group called the Civic Center Community Advisory Board, CCCAB.

Mr. Dell’Abate further reported that the Su-Committee met previously with various user groups regarding what should be included in the new Civic Center. From those meetings, a loose proposal was generated for a 35,000 sq. ft. facility. The CCCAB thought more can be done with the site, the group enlisted the D’Andrea Brothers to look into the possibility of fixing the drainage issues on the EGCC site, allowing more room to build than originally thought.

The proposal of the CCCAB includes a much larger facility, field house etc. Proposal attached (ATTACHMENT A).

Mr. Dell’Abate added that at the preceding meeting, a discussion ensued that would keep the facility at 35,000 sq. ft., and include an artificial turf field behind or next to the facility. The field can be bubbled to be used during the winter months. Mr. Dell’Abate feels that this is a good idea, however he is not sure the CCCAB is on board.

Mr. Siciliano stated there needs to be a consensus on the criteria for the site so the project can progress to the preliminary design phase. Mr. Siciliano suggested the building criteria for the facility be documented in a simple bullet point format and submitted to professional design firms so that they can create proposals based on the criteria. The proposals will then be screened by a committee and funds negotiated for the design of the facility. This method worked for the Western Greenwich Civic Center.

Mr. Siciliano expressed his biggest disappointment in trying to work across the table; the CCCAB’s proposal presented at the CIP public hearing was not shared with the Sub-Committee prior to the hearing. He would have preferred that the Sub-committee been provided a copy before it was presented.

Mr. Siciliano further added that it has been challenging to manage the misinformation that is out there. The mention of an ice rink at the EGCC site was only a checklist item at the first meeting, however, he has been approached regarding the ice rink at the new EGCC despite the fact that there has been no further pursuit of a rink at this site.

Upon discussion, Ms. Caplan stated she will send the list of building criteria and ask that it be updated and returned.

Mr. Siciliano suggested a regulation artificial turf field with a bubble (or other structure) would be ideal as it could be divided into 3 fields or used as a playing field. When the middle school fields discussions took place, the biggest resistance came from those opposing the artificial turf at Eastern Middle School, if this doesn't proceed, it can be put at the Civic Center.

Mr. Hartwell stating he is hoping artificial turf at EGCC would not impact the possibility of turf fields at the middle schools.

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes January 25, 2017
VII. Director’s Report, Joe Siciliano
Mr. Siciliano reported that the Byram pool project is progressing; the footings are in and the side walls are being built. The weather has been cooperating so far.

Mr. Siciliano stated that the 2018 operating budget is going to be submitted at 1.6%, this includes the first month and a half of pool operations. The pool is an opportunity for more diverse programming for the department.

Mr. Siciliano advised that there will be a discussion on ferry repairs/improvements/replacements during budget deliberations.

Mr. Siciliano informed that one additional Park Gardener position has been eliminated, this position is currently vacant. Since 2008, the department is down 9 Park Gardener Positions. Mr. Siciliano added that the department has a good management team who are looking at different ways of doing things to compensate for the lost position. Considering some efficiencies with respect to equipment, overtime, and temporary services.

VIII. Chairman’s Report, Nancy Caplan
Ms. Caplan stated each Board member needs to log into their Town email, starting February all communications will be sent to members’ Town email.

Ms. Caplan reported she had a discussion with Peter Tesei regarding green goats to help with invasive species. This method is used all over New York. She would like to setup a meeting where a representative can provide a presentation. There is someone who is interested in funding the initiative and, girl scouts who want to take on as a project. Ms. Caplan suggested a test case for a month perhaps at Greenwich Point.

Mr. Siciliano stated goats do not know the difference between invasive and other plants. How are the trees going to be protected?

Mr. Siciliano stated that the department is working on the Request for Proposal for the Greenwich Point Master plan. This will be a public proposal. There is currently $35,000 budgeted.

IX. Sub-Committee Reports-Dogs at Greenwich Point-Gary Dell’Abate
Mr. Dell’Abate stated he received an email from another interested resident, he met with her and the other two he previously met with. They are putting their plan together. Mr. Dell’Abate added that he asked them to come back when their proposal was complete.

X. Harbor Management Commission-Scott Johnson
Mr. Johnson stated the report is being revised and is going to come out shortly for general public comments.

Ms. Baker Special meeting in early Dec. to ok the draft of the Harbor Management Plan which went from 280+ to a manageable amount.

XI. Field Committee, John Hartwell
The committee will meet next month.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Public Comments

XV. Meeting adjourned 8:06 p.m.
January 12, 2017
Presented by the Civic Center Community Advisory Board

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center
Comprehensive Facility for the new
Supporting a Larger and more...
Community Advisory Board
Civic Center
The CCAB discovered through due diligence with Engineers and Construction Professionals that a larger structure with capable draining and adequate parking is indeed feasible on the given site (see page 8 and 9 for visuals) and moreover, is what the community at large desires (see survey results). The current ECC facility and its amenities (approx. 60,000 sq ft), size (approx. 30,000 sq ft), the CCAB supports a construction plan that would double the size of the Parks and Recs department presented a plan that includes a new building of similar scope and attended these meetings and presented our findings and preferences.

In Summer of 2016, the CCAB was granted a seat at the monthly meetings of a sub-committee of Civic Center (ECC). The CCAB represents the community's interests in the planning and construction of the new Eastern Greenwich Civic Center Community Advisory Board was organized in the Spring of 2016 to better
Why Double the Size of the ECCC?

4. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. For most Greenwich residents and you can only build something like this right the first time."

3. "Host activities a similar-sized facility cannot support."

Based on a Feb. 16 survey of our groups’ members, respondents want the ECCC to have facilities and in less time than currently projected.

2. "Expenditures are more cost-effectively facility. Without help from the town deliver two sports-related CIP expansion, including turning the existing fields and constructing a new ice rink as part of the new phases cannot:"

1. "Building a 2x facility now would achieve economies of scale, which building the same facility in two"
Club and the OGRCC) reveal demand and revenue indicators for an expanded facility are strong.

Inquiries into neighboring facilities and program directors (Chelsea Piers CT, Greenwich Skating
Wellands saw promise in D'Anfred's review of what is possible on the property.

Pending a thorough review when full plans come to fruition, the Town Directors of Planning and
of concurrent events.

Furthermore, adequate parking to support all activities can be addressed with appropriate scheduling.

Club, eager to receive the water.

The engineers showcased a viable solution for drainage with the site's neighbor, Innis Arden Golf
larger facility.

presented their findings at a EGCC sub-committee meeting, ultimately demonstrating the feasibility for a 2x

In the Fall of 2016, professional engineers surveyed and documented the site and its surrounds, then

Our Findings
approximately $270K per annum of income to cover operating costs.

...we believe rental of a field house in this manner could generate

40 hours/wk for 8 months per year @ $80/hr = $268,800

(See Appendix 1)

Using the following conservative assumptions:

ILLUSTRATION

that potential revenue generation could cover a portion of the operating costs.

After seeking out field pricing information from field houses in our area we found

Potential Revenue Generation of Field House
Send RFPs to expert architectural design firms with relevant experience

Consult experts, such as Ballard King, regarding facility best-practices and future proof amenities

Consult experts, such as D'Andrea, regarding site potential, & advice to fix current drainage problems

Market analysis for all revenue-generating features of the facility

Current Community needs analysis

Following: We believe this analysis should include the potential, to motivate the widest array of private donors. We believe this analysis should include the size, use and longevity of an appropriately-sized facility. Construction fundraising expert analysis regarding the size, use and longevity of an appropriately-sized facility. Construction funding

Our Recommendations Part 1
Create contingency plan for the current building and programs during construction.

- Creating a parking deck
- Using the roof for sports or other activities
- Having a second story

Pursue definitive answers to three outstanding design features:

- Construct turf fields prior to building construction to solve field shortage ASAP
- Explore the creation of a revolving fund for the building’s maintenance similar to that of the Griff Stadium
- Explore town CIP and other departmental budgets for additional redundancies the facility could make

Furthermore, we recommend the following items be addressed prior to RFPs:

Our Recommendations Part 2
Currently the Town of Greenwich plans to re-build the Eastern

Comprehensive Eastern Greenwich Civic Center
Support the Construction of a Larger, more

Petitioning Civic Center Coordinating Advisory Board
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**Potential Town Rental Income from 3 Indoor Turf Fields**

- Price per hour: $520
- Months of year used: 8
- Weekend hours used: 10
- Weekday hours used: 4
- Days used: 7