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East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2014

Present: Robert Pfanner  
Charles Fenick  
Pat Larkin  
Roger Nadeau  
Jackie Curry  
Milan Keser

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Kris Meaney  
Phyllis and Jim Pray  
Kathy Saylor  
Mike Ahrens

Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of May 1, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.

Mr. Putnam stated we would like to honor Jim Pray, a long-time employee, for his outstanding service to our department and commission. Mr. Pray has meant a great deal to him. He presented Mr. Pray with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding service to the Parks and Recreation Department. He was also presented with a life-time beach pass (sticker #9).

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of April 3, 2014 Meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of April 3, 2014, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Keser. (6-0) Unanimous.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Cini Park/AMTRAK Beach Recommendations Dog Park Area. Mr. Putnam reported six signs have been ordered.

b.) Future Park Development. Mr. Putnam stated he received a telephone call from Chip Mundell who asked if a press box could be added to the plan for a new park. Mr. Pfanner agreed to add it. He would like to keep it as small as possible. He will need to determine how far off the field it should be.

c.) Boardwalk Construction Update. Mr. Putnam reported the Town is still negotiating with AMTRAK.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Vendor proposals for McCook Point Park/Hole N' Wall/Bridebrook Park.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to accept the vendor proposals from Michael R. Powers of Flavor King at Samuel Peretz Park at Bridebrook in the amount of \$800 and McCook Point Park and Hole N' Wall in the amount of \$2,050. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (6-0) Unanimous.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of May 1, 2014 at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report  
May 1, 2014

**McCook Point Park:**

- Beach passes will go on sale Monday, May 5.
- Age appropriate signage has been installed for the Playscapes
- Touch-A-Truck is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- A 30x60 tent has been installed in upper picnic area, the tent will be used to replace the Pavilion once construction begins on the boardwalk.
- Beaches will be staffed with Gate Attendants starting Saturday, May 24. I would like to officially open the beaches on Friday, June 20 with Lifeguards.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- Restroom facility for Vets will go out to bid on Friday.
- Fields are in great shape maintenance crew continues to do an outstanding job.
- We are monitoring a proposed bill in the state senate that would eliminate the use of pesticides on school grounds for High Schools and all municipal parks. There is a present ban on pesticide use on grounds for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade schools. We are experiencing a gradual worsening of our turf areas at Little League, Middle School Soccer and PeeWee Football because of the present ban.
- We have hosted two War at the Shore AAU baseball tournaments to date.
- Maintenance crew will be installing safety netting behind the Lacrosse goals that are near the walking path.

**Budget:**

- Our 2014-2015 Operating Budget was cut by the Board of Finance in the amount of \$10,000.00. My recommendations for the cuts were as follows:
  - \$3,500 from PT Seasonal Labor
  - \$600.00 from Overtime
  - \$1,000.00 from Equipment Maintenance
  - \$2,000 from Park and Field Maintenance
  - \$300.00 from Telephones
  - \$300.00 from Dues
  - \$500.00 from Miscellaneous Supplies
  - \$1,500 from Materials
  - \$300.00 from Electricity

**Programs/Special Events:**

- CT Trails Day Hike at Oswegatchie Hills – June 7
- Men's Softball begins on May 12<sup>th</sup> with 12 teams
- Celebrate East Lyme is July 19
- Triathlon is August 3
- Program Magazine will be out in the middle of this month.