

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2015

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

Absent: William Willetts

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Kevin Seery, Ex officio member of the Board of Selectman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of October 15, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

The Commission was informed that Mrs. Palumbo appreciated this Commission listening her request to consider a Dog Park in East Lyme.

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 10, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Keser moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015, as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Curry. Mr. Nadeau abstained from voting. (5-0-1) Motion carried.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (See attached report.)

5. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. The upper parking lot at McCooks will be expanded.

b.) Boardwalk Construction Update. (See Director's Report).

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Putnam gave Commission members copies of New England Facility Sales Proposal for a outdoor scoreboard.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the New England Facility Sales Proposal for an outdoor scoreboard.  
Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (6-0) Unanimous.

Messrs. Putnam and Pfanner discussed the location and re-doing the kick-wall. One side of it will be soccer and the other side will be lacrosse. There was a general consensus that the location was ok.

Mr. Keser asked about the chains to the entrance of parks. He was informed that the police and fire department have keys.

Mr. Larkin reported the Band Shell/Amphitheater Committee met. All Commission members were given information from Cedar Products Co on a Band Shell/Amphitheater. It was decided to have erected a 34' X 15' Band Shell/Amphitheater for a cost of \$31,000. The Rotary, Lions and Public Trust have agreed to contribute towards its cost.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Putnam reported he gave approval for the use of Bridebrook for Sunday for a fundraiser to help a family.

On Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. there will be a movie with a request for donations.

Mr. Putnam reported we will have a presentation on plans for the beach going to the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. as well as a Special Revenue Fund. It will be compared with other towns.

a.) Request from Lillie B. Haynes School for end of year celebration at McCooks tent on June 2, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the request from Lillie B. Haynes School for an end of year celebration at McCooks tent on June 2, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fenick.  
(6-0) Unanimous.

b.) Niantic Bay Beach-ELPT request for name change consideration. Mr. Putnam reported the East Lyme Public Trust would like to change the name of the new beach to Niantic Boardwalk Beach. They plan to attend the November Meeting of this Commission.

c. Exoffico Report. Mr. Seery reported Mr. Nickerson was given a contract to sign for Verizon for the Cell Phone Tower.

Mr. Seery reported the Town has received a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to bring water and bathrooms at Cini Park.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Larkin moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of October 15, 2015 at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report**  
**October 15, 2015**

**McCook Point Park:**

- All rafts and swim buoys have been taken in for the year. Restrooms will remain open as long as weather permits.
- We hosted the fourth annual Jeffrey's Rainbow Run on Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> we had almost 300 runners participate. An annual scholarship is awarded with the proceeds from the race.
- Band Shell/Amphitheater Committee continues to meet the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5. A representative from ME O'Brien will be present to offer pricing and construction options.
- Friday night movies in the Park sponsored by the Youth Services Bureau were very well attended.
- Last tent rental is scheduled for Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> we will be taking the tent down shortly thereafter. The tent has held up well.

**Boardwalk Update:**

- See update provided by the Town Engineer- Bill Scheer
- As of today the CAP is now **70.22%** complete, and the SIDEWALK is **55.65%** complete. We are still on track to open the boardwalk in dec. The contractor will most likely stay on site over the winter finishing the stone behind hole in the wall beach and finishing the path from hole in the wall to the pavilion. We are planning on a small expansion of the McCook upper parking lot and redoing the rest. We will most likely use wiese because he is already there. Grass cannot be effectively planted or pavement put down until March / April anyway. This should set us up to have the path and upper parking lot open repaved and green grass everywhere by the end of May.
- Weekend access to the Hole in the Wall Beach remained open for the month of September.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- Request from Verizon on the Cell Phone Tower will go before the Board of Selectman at their next regular meeting. Verizon agreed to the Commission's recommendation on the location of their equipment.
- See Scoreboard information as requested at your last meeting for the Keser Field at Peretz Park @ Bridebrook.
- Cement kick-wall location as recommended by Mr. Pfanner.
- Parks and Recreation Maintenance Crew continues to do an outstanding job of maintaining our facilities. It was a very challenging summer and early fall with little rain.
- Fall sports teams are still in full swing for the next couple of weeks. PeeWee Football will be hosting the Super Bowl on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be renovating Field #2 at Little League this year starting later this month.

- Grubs have invaded the Middle School Soccer Field in a small area, we will re-sod this area in late fall. We have been selected as a test site by UCONN and Cornell University on the effects of the Pesticide Laws for Schools hosting K-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Miscellaneous:**

- WEB TRAC training occurred the week on September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will up and running by Thanksgiving. This will allow for Program and Facility reservations to be taken over the internet and in real time.