

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016

Present: Roger Nadeau
Charles Fenick
Pat Larkin
Thomas Beebe
Jackie Curry
Milan Keser

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APR 21 2016 AT 8:30 AM/PM
Karin Hahn, ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Robert Pfanner

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Kevin Seery, Ex officio
David Perry, President of Babe Ruth

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Nadeau called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of April 14, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

David Perry had discussions with Mr. Putnam regarding the need for sponsorship of Babe Ruth. The cash flow of Babe Ruth is registration, sponsorship and the profits from the concession stand. When Mr. Perry took over as President of Babe Ruth, its budget was depleted. The fourteen year old youngsters need \$1600 to host an event. Umpires are paid \$82.50 for one game. Registration is \$100. We approached Jeff Kozowski, and he is willing to contribute \$10,000 for a twenty year sign sponsorship. However, he does not want his sign on the press box. He has asked if his sign could go on the new bathroom structure or as a stand alone sign. Mr. Larkin asked if he would prefer not to have it on the concession stand, because it is not visible? Mr. Perry felt this was the reason. Mr. Keser asked how many kids are in Babe Ruth? Mr. Perry replied approximately 82. Mr. Nadeau suggested putting the sponsor banner on the outside of the fence, since he is looking for exposure from the parking area. Mr. Keser asked how large is the banner? Mr. Perry replied 3' X 20'.

Mr. Putnam suggested placing the banner on the back of the scoreboard. Mr. Keser asked if the banner remains up for twenty years with a \$10,000 donation? Mr. Beebe felt he is asking for an exclusive exposure. Mr. Nadeau stated we could use the fence for additional sponsors.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to recommend that the preferred placement of the banner is on the back of the scoreboard. Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (6-0)
Unanimous.

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 11, 2016. Mr. Nadeau asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the February 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Jackie Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. Mr. Nadeau abstained from voting. (5-0-1) Motion carried.

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

Mr. Larkin expressed disappointment that the Parks and Recreation and Youth Services budget was reduced by approximately 12%.

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported because of the Governor's proposal, the Town budget will need to be reduced by \$271,000. The Board of Selectmen suggested reducing custodial services, hours for a Public Works Engineer, and closing the Transfer Station one day. Garbage and recycle collections will not be affected. The Public Hearing on the budget will be held on April 25 at 7 p.m. at East Lyme High School. The electric board at the Town Hall is working.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. There was no further discussion on this matter.

b.) Boardwalk Construction Update. The Boardwalk is now complete, and Mr. Putnam has received favorable feedback about it.

c.) Policies and Regulations. Mr. Keser felt he needed more time to review them.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Policies and Regulations, as amended on March 10, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. Mr. Keser abstained from voting. (5-0-1) Motion carried.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Band Shell Report. The Niantic Rotary Gala is scheduled for April 16, 2016 with proceeds from the event going towards the Band Shell at McCook Point Park.

The Band Shell Committee plans to meet in May.

Mr. Putnam suggested that this Commission meet at McCook's Point Park in June.

b.) Seasonal Hiring Committee. Messrs. Fenick and Nadeau and Ms. Curry will meet to discuss seasonal hiring.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion on new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Larkin moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of April 14, 2016 at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Keser. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
April 14, 2016

McCook Point Park:

- Beach stickers went on sale Friday, April 1st
- Restroom facilities are now all open for use
- Construction has begun to the upper parking lot area deadline to have completed is prior to May 21, 2016.
- Gate Attendants to begin weekends on Memorial Day weekend.
- Looking to go full time with staff on June 14 or 15.

Boardwalk:

- Entire Boardwalk is now complete we have received very favorable feedback.
- Road leading from the Hole in Wall entrance to the Pavilion is complete, the disturbed areas up to the grass area in the front of the Pavilion has been hydro seeded. We will be sodding the area in front of the Pavilion. Repairs to the Bocce Court and seeding around the Pavilion still needs to be completed.
- We are co-sponsoring the Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K on Sunday, April 24, we have 450 runners presently registered.

Athletic Facilities:

- Fields officially opened in late March, all spring leagues are now underway.
- First War at the Shore tournament was conducted on the weekend of April 9 and 10.
- Little League opening day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th.
- Restroom facilities are being opened this week.
- Hope to begin construction on the dugout roofs at Peretz Park in late spring.

Budget:

- Our operating budget amount was cut by \$35,000.00, the Board of Finance reduced the entire town operating budget by \$275,000. See provided budget my preliminary cuts are outlined in red.
- Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, April 25 at East Lyme High School starting at 7 p.m.

Miscellaneous:

- The Niantic Rotary Gala is scheduled for this Saturday with proceeds from the event going towards the Band Shell at McCook Point Park.
- On line registrations are being well received from our patrons, 117 have presently registered on line.
- Need approval on updated Policies.