

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2016

Present: Robert Pfanner
Charles Fenick
Jackie Curry
Roger Nadeau

Absent: Thomas Beebe
Milan Keser
Pat Larkin

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Kevin Seery, Ex officio
William Willetts, Emeritus
First Selectman Mark Nickerson
Joanne Moore
Bill Allen
Joe Legg
Bill Rinoski

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W. Putnam
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of June 16, 2016 to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Tour of McCook Point Park.

a.) Location of Bandshell. The Commission, the Director, the First Selectman and the Band Shell Committee toured possible locations for the band shell.

Mr. Putnam informed the Commission the Rotary will fund \$20,000, the Lions \$20,000, the Town \$15,000 and the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation \$20,000 towards the Bandshell.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to officially approve the location of the band shell based on a joint tour of the Band Shell Committee and the Commission. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (4-0) Unanimous.

b.) Location of Labyrinth. The Commission, the Director and Joanne Moore toured possible locations for the Labyrinth. Ms. Moore informed the Commission if fundraising is necessary in order to pay for the Labyrinth she is willing to seek funds.

MOTION (2): Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the location of the Labyrinth based on this evening's meeting, providing Mr. Putnam approves the materials used. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (4-0) Unanimous.

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

4. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 12, 2016. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the May 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Jackie Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting ~~Minutes of May 12, 2016, as presented.~~
Mr. Nadeau abstained from voting. (3-0-1)
~~Motion carried. 3-0-1~~

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

MOTION (3): Mr. Fenick moved to cancel the July Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, unless circumstances warrant one. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (4-0) Unanimous.

6. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported the budget passed by Referendum.

There was discussion at the High School on June 6 regarding opiates. A doctor suggested that individuals avoid any drug that may become habit forming.

High School graduation was held on June 10.

Celebrate East Lyme is scheduled for July 16.

The Board of Selectmen authorized the Board of Education to submit plans to renovate Lillie B. Haynes and to improve Flanders School.

We have appointed William Mulholland as our Blight Officer. Ron Stevens will be the Blight Hearing Officer.

Charter revisions are being considered.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. The school projects need to be done prior to considering the future park development. Mr. Seery felt a rough presentation may be prepared.

b.) Boardwalk Construction Update. Mr. Putnam has received many positive comments on the Boardwalk.

c.) Service to Youth Award. Mr. Fenick recommended David Costa and John Lang for the Service to Youth Award.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion of new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
June 16, 2016

McCook Point Park:

- As of today we have issued over 3200 beach stickers, we are few hundred over last year at this time. Gate Attendants started full time on June 11th, Lifeguards started full time on June 14th. New Head Lifeguard this year is Ethan and Evan Opsahl.
- Swim buoys and raft have been successfully installed.
- Touch –A-Truck was another huge success
- Niantic Bay 10K had 315 participants proceeds go toward the Youth Services Open Center Program.
- Bright Music Festival was held on June 5th – everything went well except for the weather.

Boardwalk Construction Update:

- Only item remaining is to renovate the upper access gate. Lawn areas are coming in nicely and the new parking lot has made a huge difference.

Cini Park:

- Additional porta-potties have been delivered we have six in total.
- New Volleyball Court post for the Niantic Bay Beach will be installed tomorrow.
- Connex box has been delivered and our lifeguard equipment and ATV is stored there.

Athletic Facilities:

- East Lyme Lacrosse held their annual Jamboree on Saturday and Sunday June 11 and 12. They had a great turn out and everything went very well.
- Deep tine aeration was completed on athletic fields this past week.
- I am now scheduling the synthetic turf field at the High School until the High School Football Season starts in mid-August.

Budget:

- Budget was approved at referendum in May.

Miscellaneous:

- We sponsored with the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills the Connecticut Trails Day Hike on Saturday, June 4th we had over 35 participants.
- Celebrate East Lyme is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th
- Playground and our Hangout program begins on Monday, June 20
- Typically we have not met in July need the Commission recommendation on this.