

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016

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

FILED

Sept 23 2016 AT 12:15 AM/PM
(Ann Gallo AT)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Robert Pfanner

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Kevin Seery, Ex officio
William Willetts, Emeritus
David, Amanda and Barbara Costa
John and Teresa Lang
Scott and Raleigh Loring
Robin, Frank and Jeff Greer
Jack Cook
Jason Bitgood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Nadeau called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of September 8, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Putnam reported we received several requests for individuals to received the Service to Youth Award. Two individuals have made a significant contribution to youth and recreational activities. Each recipient will receive a plaque and their names will be added at Veterans Memorial Park, which has been in existence since 1991.

The first honoree is David Costa who has been a school counselor, coach and friend to youth for over thirty years. He started many clubs for students. Mr. Putnam stated it is with great pleasure to present this award to David Costa.

Jason Bitgood, Assistant Principal at East Lyme Middle School, stated Mr. Costa has had a positive impact on East Lyme Middle School students. Many are shy and nervous. Mr. Costa has a calm demeanor. Students learn best when they feel safe and he is always there for them. At meetings Mr. Costa many times offered his perspective. He is deserving of this recognition.

Mr. Keser added he is the parent of two boys who still remember him.

Mr. Costa thanked everyone for this honor. He stated the honor is working in this Town with people who are interested in the growth of their children and that he was able to raise his children and now grandchildren in East Lyme. He accepts this honor with his father and colleague Mr. Foley, who have since passed.

Mr. Putnam stated Mr. Costa was one of his supervisors when he worked at Summer Playground.

John Lang is the second recipient who has been involved in scouting with Troop 66, summer camping, coffee stops, Niantic half marathon and baseball camp.

Mr. Lang thanked Robin Greer for nominating him and his fellow scout masters, as well as his wife for his many years of volunteering. He appreciates the honor and thanked the Commission very much.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There was no further discussion from the public.

3. MINUTES

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

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

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

Mr. Fenick stated he has not observed any trash on the Boardwalk. Ms. Curry, Mr. Seery and Mr. Keser agreed.

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported buildings on Roxbury Road, near Romagna Road have been torn down. The plan is to back fill and plant. The Children's Museum has previously used the buildings to build exhibits. If anyone is aware of a building Ms. Cheeseman can use, please contact her.

The Town has received a Brownfield Grant of \$200,000 to remediate the gas station the Town purchased on Main Street.

PROTEK had its last concert last Friday. They raised over \$20,000 for High School music programs. It is their last concert because of insurance and it was labor intensive.

Mr. Keser asked if businesses had a positive affect as a result of the Boardwalk? Mr. Seery reported Café Sol, Eleni's and Smoochie Bird reported to him it had a positive affect. Stephens Hair Salon will be closing at the end of this month.

Mr. Seery felt they did a good job directing traffic on I-95 as a result of work being done. Ms. Curry felt it was also helpful to announce in the Day that work was being done.

Mr. Seery stated there was much controversy regarding train tracks continuing in Southeastern Connecticut.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no new communications received.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. Mr. Putnam reported he was approached last year about a Dog Park. They are continuing to meet and are willing to fundraise for it.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Putnam reported plans for the Band Shell have been reviewed by the Building Official. He gave his recommendations on ADA. Mr. Putnam felt the Band Shell will be in place by spring.

9. NEW BUSINES

a.) Preliminary Beach Report. Mr. Putnam will give a beach report at the next meeting of this Commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Curry moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of September 8, 2016 at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
September 8, 2016

McCook Point Park:

- We issued 4,320 beach stickers this summer we have never been over 4,000 in previous seasons.
 - 1595 resident
 - 1709 senior resident
 - 423 non resident
 - 117 Employee resident
 - 24 Employee non-resident
- I will have day pass figures for you at our October meeting.
- Finished with Gate Attendants and Lifeguards on Labor Day
- Total Revenue for last fiscal year exceeded \$192,000.00
- Wednesday concerts concluded last night
- Friday night movies will continue through September
- Jeffrey's Rainbow Run will be held on Friday, September 16th
- Family Camp out and movie night had 10 families participate
- Summer Beach staff did an outstanding job this summer; many thanks to Rob Swan, John Lake, Evan and Ethan Opsahl for there leadership.

Athletic Facilities:

- We lost irrigation pumps at Middle School Soccer and Veterans Memorial Park over the summer we are now up and running at both facilities. Cost to replace the two pumps exceeded \$10,000.00
- Fall sports programs are underway Youth Football has hosted two games and Soccer will begin play this weekend.
- War at the Shore Baseball Tournaments will conclude with their tournaments on Oct. 1 and 2, we hosted 13 tournaments this year and things went very well.
- We hosted a UCONN seminar and workshop on Athletic Fields and the pesticide ban on Elementary and Middle School grounds. We had over 100 attendees on August 18th
- Ed Ball our Maintenance Foreman/Turf Specialist has been elected to the New England Sports Turf Managers Association (NESTMA) Board of Directors.
- Men's Softball Program completed play in late August we had 9 teams this year.
- In cooperation with the East Lyme Public Library we have added a story walk to the walking path at Peretz Park. New stories will be installed on a monthly basis.

Programs/Miscellaneous:

- Events magazine was delivered earlier this month, relationship with Essex Printing remains very positive.
- Fall programs have begun and registration numbers are very good.
- We have a new pre-school instructor Gina Barber who started programs this week.