

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2017

Present: Robert Pfanner  
Charles Fenick  
Jackie Curry  
Thomas Beebe  
Roger Nadeau

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Apr 27 2017 AT 2:50 AM/PM  
Karen Yulish, Clerk  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Milan Keser  
Pat Larkin  
Bill Willetts, Emeritus

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Kevin Seery, Ex officio  
Luane Lang, Chair of the Historical Properties Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of April 13, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Ms. Lang reported Alvin Sher, a well known Sculptor, is willing to make a sculpture free of charge to be placed at Cini Park using pieces of 12' rod rails to preserve some of the history of the Niantic River Bridge. She showed photos of the pieces.

She toured the bridge with AMTRAK and Mr. Nye of Waterford Historical Society. They plan to use three gears and a chain in the sculpture. She showed the location they would like the sculpture to be placed at Cini Park and the design of the sculpture.

Mr. Putnam feels the sculpture is appropriate but would like to have a better look at the designs shown.

Ms. Lang stated the Historical Properties Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

There was a consensus of the Commission to move forward with the sculpture.

**MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to have the Historical Properties Commission move forward with the design plans for the Sculpture at**

**Cini Park and bring the plans back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for final approval. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (5-0) Unanimous.**

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 9, 2017. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION (2):** **Ms. Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. Mr. Nadeau abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.**

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

Mr. Putnam made the Parks and Recreation monthly financial report available to the Commission.

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery informed the Commission the No Dogs on the Boardwalk Ordinance is scheduled for a Town Meeting on April 19 at 7 p.m. at East Lyme Town Hall. The Ordinance will have to be reviewed by Town Attorney.

He informed the Commission the Dog Park Group has met. Mr. Sheer has designed the area for a Dog Park at Veterans Park. Mr. Pfanner and Mr. Fenick would prefer another location. Mr. Putnam suggested walking the area next week. Mr. Pfanner suggested the area near Romagna Road.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a.) 1. Memo dated March 15, 2017 from this Commission to the Board of Selectmen for ordinance recommendations regarding dogs on the Boardwalk.

b.) Service to Youth Award nomination for Tom Thibault. Mr. Putnam nominated Tom Thibault for the Service to Youth Award. Mr. Putnam felt he was deserving of this award.

**MOTION (3):** **Mr. Nadeau moved that the Service to Youth Committee approves the nomination of Tom Thibault for the Service to Youth Award for 2017. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (5-0) Unanimous.**

c.) 2. Letter dated March 24, 2017 from Carol Kruse to Bob Pfanner and Dave Putnam, thanking them for removing personal mementoes attached to the fences and benches along the Niantic Bay Boardwalk.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. There was no discussion of development of a future park.

b.) Budget 2017-2018. (See Director's Report).

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion of new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION (4):** **Mr. Fenick moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of April 13, 2017 at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report**  
**April 13, 2017**

**McCook Point Park:**

- Construction on the Band Shell started on Monday, April 10, foundation and footings will be poured early next week.
- Beach passes are now on sale we will have extended hours in the office starting Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and be open on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings through the end of June.
- All restroom facilities are now open.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K is scheduled for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Hope to have beaches and have full staff start the weekend of June 17 and 18.
- Vendor proposals for McCook are due by 10 a.m. tomorrow and for Cini Park and the Boardwalk on May 5.

**Boardwalk:**

- No Dogs ordinance proposed by the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Board of Selectman is scheduled for a town meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lyme Town Hall.
- With the recent nice weather Boardwalk has been busy.
- Maintenance Crew removed all the memorabilia from the railing and fencing.
- I will order signs on the memorabilia ban and the Dog Ordinance if approved.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- Fields are in great shape we opened for use the week before April 1.
- War at the Shore conducted their first tournament the weekend of April 1 and 2.
- Opening Day for Little League is scheduled for April 22.
- Restroom facilities and irrigation systems are now up and running.

**Budget:**

- Parks and Recreation Budget review with the Board of Finance has held on March 29<sup>th</sup>
- I am anticipating some cuts to our budget as State wide funding is going to down by a significant amount.