

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2017

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

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(Cammie Huling, Clerk)  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Pat Larkin  
Bill Willetts, Emeritus

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Pfanner called the August 10, 2017 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

There were no guests.

**3. MINUTES**

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 8, 2017. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION (1): Mr. Fenick moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. Ms. Curry, Mr. Keser and Mr. Beebe abstained from voting. (3-0-3) Motion carried.**

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

**MOTION (2): Mr. Fenick moved to approve the Terri Broudeur Breast Cancer walk to use the Town Green on Saturday, October 7, 2017 for the start of its Quarter Marathon. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.**

## 5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported that the Main Street property bore holes looked good. Funds remain from the sale of the property.

Mr. Pfanner asked will they take the fence down? He was informed they plan to.

The Public Open Space Plan was reviewed.

Mr. Seery reported the Town Building Committee hired O & G as Project Manager over the school renovations.

He informed the Commission that the Board of Selectmen approved two new boilers for the Community Center. This matter will go to a Town Meeting.

Mr. Seery reported on September 23 the Harlem Wizards will play at East Lyme High School.

He was informed the state budget to date has not been approved.

He has heard a lot of positive comments about our Town.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

a.) Facility request from Montville High School for McCook usage on May 27, 2018 from 1-6 p.m. Ms. Curry felt since the requested date is the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, they should be asked to choose another date. Mr. Pfanner suggested asking them to choose either the weekend before or after Memorial Day Weekend.

b.) E-mail from Krissa Beene regarding reserving Bride Brook Park for an Ultimate Frisbee Fundraiser.

**MOTION (3): Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the Facilities Request for the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Fundraiser to use two fields at Bride Brook Park on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., provided they show a Certificate of Insurance to the Parks and Recreation Department. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.**

c.) Letter to Grant Johnson from Parks and Recreation regarding rescue at McCook's on June 11, 2017 from David M. Putnam, Director of Parks & Recreation Department.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Beebe reported the Main Street Committee will next meet on August 15, and he will come back to this Commission for its approval.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (4): Mr. Beebe moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of August 10, 2017 at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (6-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report**  
**August 10, 2017**

**McCook Point Park:**

- Beach stickers issued to date: 4,208 which is 81 stickers less than last year. Non-resident season passes ytd: 482 which is 60 more than last year.
- Beach parking lots have filled on six occasions this year at all three beach locations. Staff has done an outstanding job of managing the facility.
- The Band Shell has been a big hit, Friday night concerts have been well attended. We co-sponsored with the Senior Center on the pop-out theater they performed "Blithe Spirit" from August 5-10, they have been well attended.
- Wednesday night concerts on the beach have been well attended as well, have received very favorable feedback.
- Niantic Bay Triathlon was conducted on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, they were cleaned up and normal operations resumed at 11 a.m.
- Upcoming Special Events include:
  - Friday Night Concerts through September 1
  - Wednesday Night Concerts through August 30
  - Friday Night Movies in the Band Shell start September 1
  - Jeffrey's Rainbow Run on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Family Camp out at McCook on Friday, September 1
- A Lifetime Movie was filmed again this year using part of McCook on Sunday, August 6.
- The Watercraft races approved in June is moving forward, I will be meeting with their staff next week for start going over the details.
- Celebrate East Lyme was well attended Mike McDowell did an outstanding job of coordinating the event.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- Fall sports programs are now underway Youth Football has their first game on August 27<sup>th</sup>, Soccer program has begun practices they will start play after Labor Day.
- War at the Shore AAU tournaments continues on a bi-weekly basis, things are running smoothly.
- East Lyme Youth Lacrosse held their end of the year Jamboree on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, we received many compliments on the condition of the fields. EL Lacrosse does a great job managing parking and garbage removal it is a great event for the community.
- Monies have been approved for the renovation of the Basketball Courts at Peretz Park. We will be installing post-tension concrete courts that will come with a 20 year warranty against cracks. New backboards will be installed as well. Hope to start construction in the late fall with an early spring finish.
- East Lyme Board of Education has approved our request for use of Flanders Elementary School to build the Miracle League Field. The Miracle League of Connecticut has agreed to pay for an architect. I have visited fields in Albany, NY, Rocky Hill and West Hartford. Fundraising will begin soon.

**Liberty Green:**

- See provided e-mail from the Terri Broudeur Breast Cancer walk for use of the Town Green on Saturday, October 7.

**Miscellaneous/Programs:**

- The I CAN BIKE program that teaches kids with special how the ride a bike independently has been extremely successful, we have 29 participants and over 30 volunteers. Program has received great publicity with a story on Channel 3 and in the New London Day.
- Fall events magazine will be out in Mid-August.
- Playground and Hang Out programs have been well attended they will conclude on Friday, August 11.
- East Lyme Regional Theater completed their performance of Fidler on the Roof July 27-30 reviews were very positive.

**Penn Ave. – Main Street Committee:**

- Committee chaired by Tom Beebe has met twice so far. Vision on the park centers around keeping the view open and that the park is a continuation of the improvements to Niantic Main Street. The committee again on Tuesday, August 15.