

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017

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

Absent: Bill Willetts, Emeritus
Robert Pfanner
Roger Nadeau

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Kevin Seery, Ex officio
Michael Powers

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May 18 20 17 AT 9:10 AM/PM
Kelli N. Willetts, CTZ
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to nominate Charles Fenick as temporary Chairman of this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Keser. (6-0) Unanimous

Acting Chairman Fenick called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of May 11, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no guests at this time.

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 13, 2017. Mr. Fenick asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (2): Ms. Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. Mr. Larkin and Mr. Keser abstained from voting. (3-0-2) Motion carried.

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

Mr. Putnam informed the Commission we will sponsor the I Can Bike program working with the Miracle League of Connecticut. They suggested a Miracle League Field in Southeastern Connecticut. Mr. Putnam has looked at locations and suggested property by Flanders School. It will cost \$350,000. Miracle League of Connecticut will share in its cost.

Mr. Keser stated we have a Soccer Program for special needs youngsters.

MOTION (3): Mr. Keser moved to develop a Miracle League Field that is handicap accessible and that it be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (5-0) Unanimous

The Commission reviewed Vendor proposal for McCook Point Park and Hole-N-Wall Beach. One proposal was received from Flavor King I.C., Ltd.

MOTION (4): Mr. Keser moved to approve the vendor proposal from Flavor King I.C.,Ltd. for McCook Point Park and Hole-N-Wall Beach in the amount of \$2,300. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. (5-0) Unanimous.

The Commission reviewed Vendor proposals for Samuel Peretz Park @ Bridebrook from Michael Powers of Flavor King, I.C., Ltd. in the amount of \$900 and from Lisa Swanson of Curb Your Appetite, LLC in the amount of \$1,000.

Mr. Powers stated he is a East Lyme resident and wants what's best for the people of East Lyme. Each of our menus and prices are different. He would be amicable for both parties to have a designated area. He stated Curb Your Appetite has a large truck with a generator on the back and needs a set area in which to park and his own truck can be mobile.

Mr. Larkin suggested that each vendor pay one-half of their proposal and each be allowed to sell ice cream and food. Mr. Powers did not have any objection to that.

MOTION (5): Ms. Curry moved to offer the vendor rights at Samuel Peretz Park @ Bridebrook to Flavor King and Curb Your Appetite, LLC for one half of their designated sum, and if Curb Your Appetite, LLC is not amicable to this, the vendor rights for Samuel Peretz Park @ Bridebrook goes to Flavor King IC, Ltd. Seconded by Mr. Keser. In Favor: Keser, Curry, Larkin and Beebe. In Opposition: Mr. Fenick. (4-1) Motion carried.

Mr. Putnam stated the First Selectman would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to assign a subcommittee to recommend the design of the property at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Messrs. Beebe, Larkin and Putnam agreed to be members of the subcommittee.

MOTION (6): Ms. Curry moved to appoint Messrs. Beebe, Larkin and Putnam to be part of the new subcommittee to recommend a design of the property at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue, and that Mr. Beebe be Chair of this subcommittee. Seconded by Mr. Keser. (5-0) Unanimous.

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery informed the Commission the No Dogs on the Boardwalk Ordinance was approved on April 19.

We anticipate a .66 mill increase if the budget is passed by Referendum. He has spoken to State Rep. Holly Cheeseman who feels the state will vote on the budget after July.

Michael Finkelstein, our new Police Chief, was sworn in and had a meet and greet with Town employees.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a.) Memo from Teri Smith, regarding a Celebration of National Knitting in Public Day on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. Putnam informed Ms. Smith there are to be no sales for profit on the Town Green.

MOTION (7): Mr. Beebe moved to approve a Celebration of National Knitting in Public Day on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Town Green, providing there are no sales for profit. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (5-0) Unanimous.

b.) Service to Youth Award nomination for Allen Casey. Mr. Putnam agreed to obtain more information on Mr. Casey before it is sent back to the Commission.

c.) McCook and Peretz Park vendor packets. There was no further discussion on this matter.

d.) E-mail from June Hoyer regarding the Fall issue of Events magazine.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. Mr. Putnam reported the Friends of Oswegachie Hills feel the Dog Park at Veterans Field would be in violation of an easement. Other areas have been suggested. They did not recommend Romagna Drive. A community garden at Romagna Drive was suggested.

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

c.) Dog Ordinance Update. (See Ex-officio's Report).

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Additional tree program request by ELPT for McCook Point Park. There was a consensus that McCook Point Park has sufficient trees at this time.

b.) Trash bin request from ELPT. The Commission was asked if they are interested in selling decorated trash bins/cans. Mr. Putnam suggested limiting the sale of decorated trash bins/cans to five. He suggested two by the entrance to Hole-N-Wall, two by the building and one by the Guard House.

MOTION (8): **Mr. Larkin moved to authorize the sale of up to five decorated trash bins/cans and that we table additional trees until we determine how the fifteen that have been planted take root. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (5-0) Unanimous.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (9): **Mr. Beebe moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of May 11 2017 at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
May 11, 2017

McCook Point Park:

- Construction of the Band Shell is going well, Trusses and Perlins have been installed roof and side walls remain. Estimated completion date is Friday, May 19. Ribbon cutting will take place on Friday, May 26 starting at 6:00 p.m. The Paul Lussier Band will be performing.
- Gate Attendants to start on Saturday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend).
- Beach Sticker sales to date total = 474 about 150 under last year.
- Touch-A-Truck scheduled for Saturday, May 20
- Niantic Bay 10K scheduled for Friday, June 9
- Niantic Boardwalk 5K sponsored with Niantic Main Street had close to 600 participants, feedback remains very positive.
- Vendor proposal is provided for your approval.

Boardwalk:

- Ordinance relating to dogs on the Boardwalk and on the beaches and McCook Point Park was approved by the Board of Selectman, signs will be posted soon and the ordinance carries at \$50.00 fine.

Athletic Facilities:

- Fields remain in great shape weather has been problematic but crew doing a great job.
- Men's Softball Program will start on Monday, May 15th we are down to only 7 teams.
- Relationship with the UCONN Agricultural Department remains positive they have selected us to participate in a weed control program on Middle School Soccer and Field #2 products are approved for use on grounds for schools with K-8 graders.
- Vendor Bids are provided for your approval we received two this year.

Miscellaneous:

- First Selectman would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to assign a committee to recommend the design of the property at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue.
- CT Trails Day Hike is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, we will again be partnering with the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills. Hike starts at Vets Field starting at 10 a.m.

Budget:

- Our budget was cut by \$10,000 by the Board of Finance. Budget referendum is scheduled for Thursday, May 18 at the Community Center.