

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2017

Present: Roger Nadeau
Charles Fenick
Jackie Curry
Thomas Beebe
Roger Nadeau
Bill Willetts, Emeritus

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Vanessa Williams ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Robert Pfanner
Milan Keser
Pat Larkin

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nadeau, Vice Chairman, called the November 9, 2017 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no guests.

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of October 12, 2017. Mr. Nadeau asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the October 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to accept the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (5-0) Unanimous.

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

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported after the state budget was approved, the Town budget is in good shape.

After the election there were some changes to the Board of Finance. The Board of Selectmen remains the same.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a.) Notice from Assistant Town Clerk to Boards and Commissions regarding meetings of Government.

MOTION (2): ~~Mr. Fenick moved to approve the schedule of meeting dates for 2018 to be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (5-0)~~
Unanimous

There was a general consensus that all meetings be held in the Olive Chendali Room, except the June meeting will be held at McCook's Point Park.

b.) Beach Enterprise Fund. Mr. Putnam will bring a draft of the Beach Enterprise Fund for review at the December meeting.

c.) An email dated October 26 was received from Deborah Moshier-Dunn requesting that the 2nd annual Earth Day event be held at McCook Point Park on the April 22nd weekend. Since this event is not during beach season or conflicting with another event, no one had any objection to it. Mr. Putnam will ask her to submit a Facilities Request Form.

d.) Letter dated November 6, 2017 from Matthew Walker, Chairman of the East Lyme Zoning Commission, to Robert J. Pfanner regarding East Coast Watercraft Jet Ski Championship event held on September 23 and 24, 2017.

e.) Budget fiscal year 2017-18. Mr. Putnam reported there has been no impact to the Parks and Recreation budget.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Putnam reported the Dog Park group is very interested in the Darrow Pond area and will privately fund \$30,000 for the Dog Park. Mr. Seery reported Ms. Palumbo plans to attend a meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Penn and Main Street. Mr. Beebe reported the Penn and Main Street Committee will meet. He asked the Parks and Recreation Committee to review the concept. The clean up will be done by the state.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion of new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION (3): Mr. Beebe moved to adjourn the Parks and
Recreation Regular Meeting of November 9,
2017 at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fenick.
(5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
November 9, 2017

McCook Point Park:

- Tent was dismantled today and will be stored for the winter.
- Lussier Development Corp. finished the door on the Band Shell
- Turf area in front of the Band Shell was aerated and slice seeded it is coming in nicely.
- Park received very little damage from the recent storm maintenance crew has done a great job of cleaning up branch and sand debris.
- I will have recommendations for you at the December meeting for parking fees, walk-in pass fees, tent and pavilion fees as it relates to the proposed enterprise fund.
- November 11th will be the Vikes for Vets run starting and finishing at McCook.
- December 9th will be the fourth annual Jingle Bell run with proceeds going to the Brian Dagle Foundation also starting at McCook.
- Work to the driveway from the lower to upper parking lot will take place in the early spring.

Athletic Facilities:

- Youth Soccer will complete their season this weekend.
- Maintenance Crew is beginning work on prepping the fields for sod work which will include work to the Little League Fields, Keser and Firehouse fields. Fields have had a great growing season and crew continues to do an outstanding job.
- Basketball Court renovations will begin next week.
- Verizon is moving forward with their cell tower placement at Peretz Park in the near future. They will be replacing one of the light poles on Keser and adding aerials to the top.
- Formal announcement for the Miracle League Field was held on Monday, November 6th at Flanders Fish, many thanks to Charlie, Jackie and Tom for their support. Fundraising efforts to date are approaching \$50,000.00

Budget:

- The State finally has adopted a budget the town has made out very well, and it will have little to no impact for this year on Parks and Recreation.
- I will continue to work on the Beach enterprise fund and bring a draft for your review at our December meeting.

Miscellaneous:

- Our Parks Foreman has submitted his resignation as of late October. I will be posting the position internally at the end of this month.
- The Niantic Light Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 starting at 6 p.m.