

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2017

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

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*(Signature)*  
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Absent: William Willetts, Emeritus  
Patrick Larkin

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Kevin Seery, Ex-officio  
Brian Ahern, Student at SCSU

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the October 12, 2017 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Brian Ahern a Recreational Therapy Student at Southern Connecticut State University observed the meeting.

3. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the September 14, 2017. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Beebe (4-0-2) Approved, Mr. Keser and Mr. Nadeau abstained.

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

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported that there is still no state budget, however, the First Selectman has met with department heads and discussed a possible 5% reduction for this fiscal year. Mr. Seery also reported on the clean-up of the Mobile Station on Main Street and working with the State of Connecticut on the clean-up costs.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. E-mail from Gail Chiappa regarding events at McCook Point Park and Cini Park, item was discussed as it related to the East Coast WaterCraft races on Sept. 23 and 24
- b. E-mail from Christopher Yates from East Coast WaterCraft was discussed. Commission will work on possible changes for next year in regards to camping.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Future Park Development – Mr. Putnam reported that the Dog Park Committee is progressing with the Darrow Pond location, more information to follow.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Penn and Main Street – Mr. Beebe reported that the committee is awaiting results from the environmental study and will have further information at a later meeting for the commissions review.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of WaterCraft Races – further discussion will continue and recommendations will be discussed for next year. Weather was unseasonably warm causing some parking issues at the beach locations.
- b. Beach enterprise fund – Mr. Putnam provided an initial draft of establishing an enterprise fund related to expenses and revenues directly related to our beaches. More discussion will ensue as budget talks continue for 2018-2019.
- c. Budget fiscal year 17-18 – Mr. Putnam reported a possible reduction of 5% coming, awaiting a state budget and further direction.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of October 12, 2017 at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Putnam, Director

**Director's Report  
October 12, 2017**

**McCook Point Park:**

- East Coast Watercraft conducted races on September 23 and 24 at the Niantic Bay Beach, for the most part everything went smoothly. They had more campers than originally expected, I allowed additional camping at McCook to handle the over flow. Weather was summer like and parking was a challenge.
- Jeffrey's Rainbow Run was conducted on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> we had over a 100 participants.
- Swim Buoys and the Raft were taken for the season.
- We recently aerated and slice seeded the grass area in front of the Band Shell.
- Friday night movies in the park were well attended and held in the Band Shell.
- See provided draft budget for the beach enterprise fund.
- Work will begin shortly on the roadway from the lower to upper parking lot, this will include new drainage and re-paving of the roadway.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- Youth Football Field has been aerated and slice seeded, we have had some areas affected by grubs and skunks. We will aggressively continue seeding those areas.
- All fields at Peretz Park were deep tine aerated and top dressed.
- War at the Shore completed their final tournament on October 1<sup>st</sup> we hosted 13 tournaments this year.
- Renovation of the Basketball Courts for Peretz Court has been scheduled for early November with an early spring completion date. Courts will be post-tension concrete and come with a 20 year warranty against cracking. Cape and Island Construction is the contractor.
- High School Soccer teams will complete play at Peretz Park later this month, we only hosted one varsity game this year, most of the games are for the JV and Freshmen teams.
- Miracle League Field formal announcement will take place on Monday, November 6 at the Flanders Fish Market (please see your invitation).

**Miscellaneous/Programs:**

- Budget – we are still awaiting the approval of a State Budget, I have met with the First Selectman on a possible 5% reduction to our operating budget.
- The East Lyme Bike and BBQ event was a huge success with over 250 riders participating. We partner with the Historical Houses in town for the event. This year it was held at the Smith-Harris House.