

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017

Present: Robert Pfanner
Charles Fenick
Jackie Curry
Thomas Beebe

Absent: Roger Nadeau
Milan Keser
Pat Larkin
Bill Willetts, Emeritus

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

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Sept 19 2017 AT 2:10 AM/PM
Caen Gallo, ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the September 14, 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 Regular Meeting of August 10, 2017. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (4-0) Unanimous.

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

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported a Town Meeting has been postponed to next Wednesday to request that \$139,000 be moved to Beautification.

The Dog Park met and voted to have the Dog Park on Mostoway Road at the Darrow Pond property. It has a parking lot and trails. It will need a fence. Consideration is being given to change Mostoway Road to a one way road for safety.

The Selectmen are appointing individuals to the Historical Properties Commission.

The state budget has not been approved.

On September 15 a Gala will be held at the Children's Museum.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Letter to Jim Capodiece from Parks and Recreation regarding the "I can bike program".

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Beebe reported the Main Street Committee met on August 15. Joe Legg from the East Lyme Public Trust attended. Mr. Nickerson discussed funding it. There is some lead and petroleum to be remediated. The design calls for pavers on the front walkway. Mr. Wilson presented options for signage.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Beach Report. The Commission reviewed a report on the beach dated September 2017. It compared beach passes from 2016.

b.) Athletic Field Usages Fees review. Mr. Putnam presented Commission members with Attachment 1 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Athletic Field Usage Fees.

Mr. Putnam stated there have been some issues with groups not cleaning up. It was felt that \$150 per hour should be charged as a clean up fee to those individuals who do not leave the fields in the condition they found them.

MOTION (2): Mr. Fenick moved to charge a fee of \$150 per hour if Mr. Putnam and his crew do not approve of the condition the field was left in, with a minimum fee of one hour. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (4-0) Unanimous.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Ms. Curry moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of September 14,

**2017 at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fenick.
(4-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
September 14, 2017

McCook Point Park:

- We issued 4270 beach passes this summer 50 less than last year.
- Gate Attendants and Lifeguards finished at McCook Labor Day weekend, Lifeguards concluded at Niantic Bay Beach on August 13 and at the Hole in Wall on August 25th.
- Jeffrey's Rainbow Run will be held on Friday, Sept. 15th it is the 6th annual.
- Friday night movies in the park will continue until Sept. 22nd
- Family Campout had 16 families participate.
- Total revenue for passes is projected to be approximately \$2,000.00 less than last year.
- See provided beach report.
- East Cost Watercraft races are moving forward on September 23 and 24 at the Niantic Bay Beach. I have met with the organizers and have worked out the details. They have received their approvals from all related parties.

Athletic Facilities:

- All fall sports are underway fields are in great shape, maintenance crew continues to do an outstanding job.
- Miracle League Field at Flanders School is moving forward, we will be conducting an official announcement and kick off for fundraising at an early November event, more information to follow.
- Renovations to the Basketball Courts at Peretz Park are scheduled for mid-November, the courts will be post-tension concrete and new basketball goals will be installed.
- 2 more War at the Shore tournaments will take place this month, we will be host to 13 total tournaments this year.
- Wesleyan Women's Soccer program used fields at Peretz Park for pre-season practice in late fall this is the third consecutive year.

Programs/Miscellaneous:

- Events magazine was mailed out in late August to every home in Niantic and East Lyme.
- I CAN BIKE program was a huge success with news stories airing on channels 3 and 30, plus a nice article in the New London Day. We had 29 participants and will be offering it again next year.
- Men's Softball program concluded in late August, we only had seven teams participate this year.
- School's renovation project will have an impact on our programs next year especially our Playground program we will be addressing those issues over the winter.