

East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018

Present: Robert Pfanner
Charles Fenick
Sue Kumro
Jackie Curry
Thomas Beebe
Patrick Larkin
William Willetts, Emeritus

FILED

Feb 14 2018 AT 2:00 AM/PM
(Signature)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Roger Nadeau

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the February 8, 2018 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS - None

3. MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the January 11, 2018. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Larkin moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick (5-0-1) Approved, Sue Kumro abstained.

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

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported that the Board of Selectman is in the process of reviewing individual budgets and that Mr. Nickerson has presented the Board a 0% increase for the Town Government Operating Budget.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Memo from David Putnam, Director to Mark Nickerson, First Selectman regarding the recommendation for the open Maintainer II position.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Future Park Development – nothing new to report
- b. 2018-2019 Budget – Mr. Putnam will notify the Commission once the dates have been selected by the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance for budget review.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Penn and Main Street – Mr. Beebe reported that all Town approvals for the design and funding have been secured and construction will begin in the near future.

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr.Larkin moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of February 8, 2018 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fencik. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Putnam, Director

**Director's Report
February 8, 2018**

McCook Point Park/Beaches:

- Seasonal staff contracts have been issued to returning Lifeguards, Parks Supervisors and Gate Attendants. Projected opening with Lifeguards is scheduled for Saturday, June 16.
- Final approvals have been granted for the Restroom Facility at Cini Park hope to have in place by early summer. Approvals also granted for the Dinghy Docks and Accessible Kayak launch.
- Upcoming Special Events for the spring include:
 - April 22 – Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K
 - May 19 – Touch A Truck
 - May 19-20 – East Coast Watercross Races
 - June 8 – Niantic Bay 10K
 - June 9 – Bright Music Festival

Athletic Fields:

- Starting to receive spring sports schedules first High School usage is scheduled for Vets Baseball on Monday, March 26
- Weather dependent we will open the Lacrosse and Soccer Fields for play on Saturday, March 31.
- Miracle League Field at Flanders School fundraisers include:
 - March 10 Trivia Night at Niantic Sportsman's Club
 - May 5 Niantic Rotary Kentucky Derby Gala
 - May 19 – Smith Insurance Meatballs for Miracles

Penn Ave and Main Street Park:

Zoning Commission approved the site plan - this was the last hurdle for approvals, construction to start in early spring.

Budget:

- First Selectman's Budget recommendation included the elimination of one full-time Maintainer II position which is currently vacant. Monies have been added to our Seasonal Part-time line item to hire an additional seasonal maintainer.
- Budget hearings have not been set yet I will inform the Commission of the dates.

Personnel:

I am pleased to welcome Austin Grouten as our new Maintainer II position. Austin was a seasonal member of our maintenance team last year and will be a great addition to our staff.

