

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2018**

Present: Robert Pfanner  
Thomas Beebe  
Jackie Curry  
Pat Larkin  
Charles Fenick  
Sue Kumro

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March 19 2018 AT 11:45 AM/PM  
Kumro  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Roger Nadeau

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

**1. Call to Order.** Mr. Pfanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**2. Delegations.** There were no guests.

**3. Minutes of Meeting February 8, 2018.** Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the February 8, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

**MOTION (1):** Ms. Curry moved to approve the February 8, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented.  
Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (6-0) Unanimous.

**4. Director's Report.** (See attached)

**MOTION (2):** Mr. Larkin moved to accept Doc's Flavor King as vendor for Peretz Park for a bid of \$1200.  
Seconded by Ms. Kumro. (6-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Putnam was asked by a resident to request that the Commission approve a call button on the Boardwalk in the event someone needs assistance. The Commission discussed it, and felt it was not necessary at this time.

**5. Ex-Officio Report.** Mr. Seery reported the Board of Selectmen received all budgets except the Board of Education at 0%. The Board of Education budget increased by 2.59%. The Board of Finance will review the budgets.

Dick Morris retired last week.

A request for \$340,000 for improving our roads was submitted and \$175,000 was approved. Paving at Saunders Point will be done. It would have cost each resident in the area \$35,000 for sewers, and they did not want it.

There was much information on Chanel 22 and Facebook regarding the weather. East Pattagansett and

Walnut Hill had much damage.

**6. Communications.**

1. Email from Edward Owens, Vending Facility Supervisor of the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Education & Services for the Blind, to Dave Putnam regarding the installation for food service facilities and vending machines on state and municipal property. The Commission reviewed State Statute 10-303. Mr. Putnam informed the Commission there are old vending machines at Babe Ruth, and Babe Ruth has no interest in them. It was felt they should be disposed of.

**7. Unfinished Business.**

- a.) Future Park Development. Mr. Seery met with Donna Palumbo and Paul Kramm, and they do not think Darrows Pond is a good location for a Dog Park. They plan to meet again.
- b.) 2018-2019 Budget. The upcoming budget was previously discussed.

**8. Committee Reports.** There were no committee reports.

**9. New Business.**

- a.) Miracle League Field. The Miracle League field is a space where children with physical, cognitive and developmental challenges can participate in sports of all kinds in a welcoming, no competitive atmosphere. A brochure was prepared requesting individuals to make a charitable donation, host a fundraiser or volunteer. Mr. Putnam informed the Commission we have received approximately \$100,000. September 2019 will be the Grand Opening.
- b.) Ms. Kumro reported she is having a Buy-a-Brick fundraiser for individuals to become a part of the Niantic Main Street Park. There are two different commemorative brick sizes available: 4" X 8" for \$275 and 8" X 8" for \$475. The bricks will be displayed at the Farmers Market. She has met with Bill Scheer who has done an outstanding job in designing the Niantic Main Street Park. There are 122 4" X 8" and 99 8" X 8" bricks available.

**MOTION (3): Mr. Beebe moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of March 8, 2018 at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

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

**McCook Point Park/Beaches:**

- We were fortunate in the last two storms we only lost a few branches and one bench.
- Beach passes will go on sale starting Monday, April 2.
- Vendor advertisement for the beaches will appear in the New London Day this weekend.
- The Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K is scheduled for Sunday April 22; proceeds from the race will benefit the Miracle League Field.
- Work to the roadway from the lower to the upper parking lot and drainage improvements will begin in early to mid April.
- I recently met with an Eagle Scout candidate regarding a possible installation of a Bicycle Repair station to be installed adjacent to the restroom building at the Hole in the Wall parking lot.
- Through donations from the Niantic Lions Club, Niantic Rotary Club and Eastern CT Chapter of Cerebral Palsy we will be receiving two fully accessible Wheel Chairs for our beach goers. Chairs will provide access to the waterfront and water.
- The East Lyme Public Trust Foundation will be donated accessible mats to the waterfront for Hole in Wall Beach and the Niantic Bay Beach.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- E-mails have been sent to all the league representatives asking for their certificate of Insurances and game schedules. Weather depending I would officially like to open the fields on Saturday, March 30. High School JV Baseball has a scrimmage scheduled for March 26 and Softball on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Miracle League Field fundraising to date is approaching \$100,000.00 upcoming events include; Trivia Night on March 10, Mac and Cheese event at the Farmers market on March 23, Niantic Rotary Gala on May 5.
- Vendor bid information is provided for Peretz Park, only one vendor submitted see

**Boardwalk/Cini Park:**

- I have been approached by a few residents regarding safety concerns on the Boardwalk suggestions included the installation of a wheelchair or blue light safety towers.
- Restroom trailer is in the works hope to have it installed prior to Memorial Day weekend.

**Budget:**

- Budget hearing with the Board of Selectman was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> moving forward with the Beach Enterprise Fund. Budget review with the Board of Finance is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

