

East Lyme Parks and Recreation

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

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

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APR 23 2018 AT 3:55 AM (PM)
Kenneth Putnam
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Warren Whitehouse.

2. Delegations. There were no guests.

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

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to approve the March 8, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (6-0-1) Motion carried.

4. Director's Report. (See attached)

5. Ex-Officio Report. Mr. Seery reported the remediation for the Main Street project has been completed. The bricks will be used for the irrigation system. Bricks are being sold. A 4 X 8 brick is \$275 and a 8 X 8 brick is \$475. DEEP has approved moving all signs in order to see the view of the water. It is hoped the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Memorial Day weekend.

The budget has a 1.73% increase. The Board of Finance cut the Board of Education budget by \$200,000 and the Town Government budget by \$50,000.

Joe Bragaw, the Public Works Director, wishes to increase transfer charges to 6.5 cents per pound and \$50 to pick up five items. This increase to fees will be brought to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

A Public Hearing on the budget will be held on April 30, 2018 at the Middle School at 7 p.m. The Annual Town Meeting will be held at the High School on May 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. The budget referendum will be held on May 24, 2018 at the Community Center.

6. Communications.

1. Draft Memorandum to McCook Point Park, Hole in Wall and Cini Park User Groups

regarding staffing fees for special events. There was a general consensus of the Commission that Mr. Putnam should determine the fee to be charged.

7. Unfinished Business.

- a.) Future Park Development. There was no discussion on future park development.
- b.) 2018-2019 Budget. There was no further discussion on the budget.

8. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

9. New Business.

- a.) Planetarium Project – Diane Swan. Ms. Swan wishes to increase the use of the Planetarium and upgrade the equipment. She asked that this matter be tabled until the May meeting of this Commission.

MOTION (2): **Mr. Larkin moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of April 12, 2018 at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (7-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
April 12, 2018

McCook Point Park:

- All restroom facilities have been opened for the season.
- Tent was installed today.
- 3rd Annual Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K is scheduled for Sunday, April 22.
- Beach passes are now on sale.
- Drainage project at McCook has been completed by the Public Works crew, paving of the road between lower and upper parking lots to begin shortly.
- Two Eagle Scout projects are moving forward at the beaches one is bicycle repair station at Hole in the Wall and the second is a Library book exchange kiosk.
- Handicap accessible mats have been delivered they will be installed at the Hole in Wall and Cini Park access ramp.
- Two Wheelchairs with beach and water accessibility are also being purchased through the Rotary Club and United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut.

Boardwalk:

- Construction of the Restroom facility at Cini Park on schedule to be completed by late May early June.

Athletic Facilities:

- Work to the cell tower at Peretz Park has started there will be no interruption to the athletic fields.
- Miracle League Field fundraising has eclipsed the \$100,000 mark upcoming events include the Niantic Bay 5K and the Niantic Rotary Gala on May 5th.
- Opening Day for Little League is scheduled for Saturday, April 28.
- War at Shore conducted their first tournament on April 7 and 8.
- All restroom facilities are open.
- Maintenance crew continues to do an outstanding job of preparing our fields. Fields officially opened on Saturday, March 31.

Budget:

- Presented our budget to the Board of Finance on April 3rd discussion centered around our Beach Enterprise Fund and the funds to be assigned to the fund.

