

# East Lyme Parks and Recreation

## Regular Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2018

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

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Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation  
William Willetts, Emeritus  
Rachel Everley  
Christine Stahl  
Douglas Clark

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

**2. Delegations.** Mr. Putnam reported Mr. Clark came to him with an idea to sell tee shirts with the proceeds to be shared with Parks and Recreation, Senior Services and Mr. Clark. He would like the proceeds to be spent on the beautification of the Town. Mr. Putnam asked where can we sell them and how many should be ordered? He suggested selling them at the Parks and Recreation Office and having them printed at the High School. Mr. Nadeau asked how can we insure that we will have success? Individuals would need to know where they are available. Mr. Putnam felt it could be done for \$7, and suggested ordering fifty at a time. Mr. Larkin suggested advertising the sale of them through posters at each beach. Ms. Kumro asked Mr. Clark where do you have the design? Mr. Clark replied on a computer. Mr. Clark wishes to give Parks and Recreation his design. Ms. Kumro asked will this open up to others?

Mr. Clark informed the Commission he has been coming to Niantic since he was five years old. He has observed the beautification of the entire Town. He walks the Boardwalk and designed a tee shirt for himself stating that he walks the Boardwalk. He informed the Commission many people admire it and suggested that he sell them. He went to the Town Hall, and they suggested that he go to the Police Department, and he was informed that he would need a vendor's license.

**MOTION (1):** Mr. Fenick moved to refer the idea of the sale of tee shirts to Town Counsel and discuss it further at the next meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. (6-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Putnam reported he received an email and Facilities Request Form from Christine Stahl, who is a resident and a leadership member of the Southeastern CT chapter of Moms Demand Action, a national gun violence prevention organization. This organization began five years ago after the Sandy Hook tragedy. They wish to participate and have a family event in the upcoming Wear Orange campaign on Saturday June 2 to raise awareness about the issue of gun violence and to discuss ways to improve

safety. They wish to reserve the Gazebo on Main Street from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday June 2. They will set up tables for face painting. The Police Department will give out gun locks. They spoke to several merchants and asked that they put orange items in the front of their store. They have invited First Selectman Mark Nickerson and Senator Paul Formica.

Mr. Nadeau asked Mr. Putnam if there were any other activities at that space on June 2? Mr. Putnam replied there are none. His only concern was with parking. He asked that when they advertise they direct public parking in the municipal parking area. Mr. Putnam asked how many individuals they expect to attend. He was informed this was the first time they will participate, and they do not know. They will put information on Facebook and request merchants to advertise it. Mr. Putnam asked that they see him the week before the event. Ms. Stahl showed a draft flyer. She was asked to direct those wishing to attend to the municipal parking area in the flyer.

**MOTION (2): Ms. Curry moved to accept the Southeastern CT Chapter of Moms Demand Action to hold its family event on June 2, 2018, with a rain date of June 3 from 1-3 p.m. on the Town Green, with the provision that they advertise parking in the municipal parking area. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. (6-0) Unanimous**

**3. Minutes of Meeting April 12, 2018.** Mr. Nadeau asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 12, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

**MOTION (3): Ms. Curry moved to approve the April 12, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (6-0) Unanimous**

Mr. Pfanner arrived.

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

**MOTION (4): Ms. Curry moved to accept the Food Vendor's proposal for exclusive vendor rights at McCook Point Park and Hole-N-Wall beach to Doc's Flavor King in the amount of \$2500. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (7-0) Unanimous.**

Mr. Putnam received a Facilities Request Form from James Rothhold representing the Jehovah Witness to have a Cart Witnessing on the Town Green on every Thursday 10 a.m. to noon and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon throughout spring and summer.

It was felt this Commission cannot approve a request on a continuing basis. This request is also not allowed in the town Deed.

**MOTION (5): Mr. Beebe moved to deny the request of the Jehovah Witness to have Cart Witnessing on the Town Green based on the multiple day usage request and that the town deed does not allow it. Seconded**

by Mr. Larkin. (7-0) Unanimous.

5. **Ex-Officio Report.** Mr. Seery was unable to be present, and there was no report.

6. **Communications.**

- a.) Memo from the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources. Mr. Putnam reported the Friends of Oswegachie Hills and the Conservation of Natural Resources wish to clean up the area in Veterans field and transplant pitch pine trees.
- b.) E-mail from Christine Stahl requesting the Town Green on June 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for promotion of Wear Orange Campaign.
- c.) E-mail from Greg Decker to Dave Putnam regarding PA at Vets. Mr. Beebe suggested directing the PA system away from Mr. Decker's home.

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. This matter is tabled until the next meeting of this Commission.

**MOTION (6): Ms. Curry moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of May 10, 2018 at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (7-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report**  
**May 10, 2018**

**McCook Point Park:**

- Beach passes went on sale Monday, April 2 to date we have issued over 500
- Roadway between the lower and upper parking lot is complete, engineering department did a great job of coordinating the project.
- Gate Attendants to start on Saturday, May 26
- Lifeguards on duty June 16 and 17, then full time on Saturday, June 23
- Touch-A0-Truck scheduled for Saturday May 19
- Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K had 733 runners – proceeds will benefit the Miracle League Field.
- Two Mobi-Wheelchairs have been donated to the Parks and Recreation Department will be available at McCook and Hole in Wall Beaches, thanks to the Lions Club, Rotary Club and the United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern CT for their donations.
- We will be installing two mobi-mats over the next few weeks for handicap access to the waterfront at Cini Park and Hole in Wall.
- Niantic Bay 10K is scheduled for Friday, June 8.
- Vendor proposal is provided only bid was from Doc's Flavor King.

**Athletic Fields:**

- Men's Softball program begins on Monday, May 21 we only have 6 teams participating.
- Cape and Island to return in the next few weeks to complete the Basketball Court renovation project overnight temperatures need to be around 50 degrees for paint to adhere.
- PA system concerns at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Fundraising continues for the Miracle League Field we have raised over \$105,000 to date with fundraisers have recently been held by Niantic Main Street and the Niantic Rotary Club.

**Park at Penn and Main:**

- Construction has started on the new park at Penn and Main Street, new welcome sign has been installed and retaining wall work has begun.

**Boardwalk/Cini Park:**

- Awaiting the delivery of the restroom trailer and bringing water and sewer to the site.
- East Coast Watercross will be conducting Jet Ski Races on May 19 and 20.
- The East Lyme Public Trust Foundation has planted some additional native beach grasses to protect the rear sections of the beach.

**Miscellaneous:**

- CT Trails Day Hike will be conducted at Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve and at Darrow's Pond on Saturday, June 2
- Liberty Green use permit form

**Budget:**

- Special Meeting on the Town Budget will be held on Monday, May 14 at the ELHS
- Budget referendum will be held on Thursday, May 24