

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2018

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

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Karen Miller
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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

1. **Call to Order.** Mr. Pfanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Delegations.** Mr. Revelle, a Giants Neck resident, reported he brings a young disabled lady to the beach for a short period of time. Some lifeguards are helpful but others are not. Mr. Putnam informed the Commission of the way the lifeguards are spoken to by Mr. Revelle.

3. **Minutes of Meeting June 14, 2018.** Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the June 14, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

MOTION (1): Mr. Fenick moved to approve the June 14, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. Mr. Larkin, Ms. Curry and Ms. Kumro abstained from voting. (3-0-3) Motion carried.

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

The Parks and Recreation Commission will send a letter to the Niantic Bay Triathlon, with copies to the First Selectmen and Police Chief, requesting that they change the date or use another route for the Triathlon.

Mr. Larkin expressed concern about the delay in having the restroom trailer and kayak launch at Cini Park this summer? Mr. Putnam agreed to look into the matter and report back at this Commission's next meeting.

5. **Ex-Officio Report.**

Mr. Seery reported Joe Smith, Building Official, is leaving East Lyme tomorrow. Steve Way will temporarily fill in until a replacement is hired.

He stated construction at the elementary schools is well underway.

He reported Al Littlefield has resigned from the Board of Education.

6. Communications. No communications were received.

7. Unfinished Business.

a.) Future Park Development. There was no discussion on future park development.

b.) Miracle League Field. (See Director's Report.)

8. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

9. New Business. There was no new business discussed.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Fenick moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks
 and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of
 August 9, 2018 at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by
 Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
August 9, 2018

McCook Point Park:

- We have issued 4,170 seasonal beach passes this year, 38 less than last year.
- Non-Resident seasonal we have issued 467 which is 15 less than last year, however, revenue has increased by \$5,505.00 because of the increase in the fee.
- Special events at the Band Shell continue to be popular – Friday night concerts have been well attended and the Theater under the Shell play was well attended.
- The two Mobi-Chairs at the McCook and Hole in Wall beaches have been utilized and provide a great service.
- July 4th was our busiest recorded revenue day on record we brought in \$6,260.00 in day passes. Top five days year to date:
 - July 4 \$6,260
 - July 1 \$4,210
 - June 30 \$3,420
 - Aug. 5 \$3,360
 - July 8 \$2,580
- Niantic Bay Triathlon was conducted on Sunday, August 5, they had close to 500 participants McCook main beach was open by 10:45 a.m.
- Celebrate East Lyme was a huge success Parks and Rec. staff in cooperation with other staff agencies do a great job.

Park and Penn and Main:

- Park was completed the week before CEL, opening ribbon cutting was held at 10 a.m. on July 21. We continue to receive many compliments on the park. A huge thanks to Bill Scheer and the committee for all their hard work. Sod has knit nicely and will do the first cut in the next couple of days.

Boardwalk/Cini Park:

- Restroom facility/trailer at Cini has been delayed hope to have in place for next spring.

Athletic Facilities:

- Renovated Basketball Courts have seen a lot of play we have received many compliments.
- Lacrosse/Soccer wall is currently being constructed and should be done in the next few weeks.
- Youth Football and Soccer have started their fall seasons, Youth Football opens August 26, Soccer's game schedule starts right after Labor Day.
- Maintenance Crew has done an outstanding job this summer – fields look awesome and have held up well.
- Work to the new cell tower on the Keser Field continues hope to have complete this fall.

- War at the Shore tournaments continue almost every other weekend things have run smoothly.
- Miracle League Field continues to fundraise we are approaching the \$175,000.00 dollar mark. We will be installing an accessible Basketball Court in partnership with Kevin's Courts. They are donating \$50,000.00 to the project.

Miscellaneous/Programs:

- The I Can Bike program starts on Monday, August 13 we have 31 participants and over 45 volunteers. Program is held at the ELMS from 8:30-5:00 p.m. Aug. 13-17.
- Playground and Hangout programs were very successful this year we had a great staff, the seven week program ends tomorrow.
- East Lyme Regional Theater completed their seventh annual summer production of All Shook Up July 27-29, productions were well attended.
- Men's Softball program begins playoffs soon they will conclude their season August 27th
- Fall events magazine will be published in the next two weeks.