

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

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

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William Willetts
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mark Nickerson, First Selectman
William Willetts, Emeritus

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

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

3. **Minutes of Meeting August 9, 2018.** Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the August 9, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to approve the August 9, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (6-0)

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

5. **Ex-Officio Report.**

Mr. Nickerson reported the trailer restroom at Cini Park was delayed, because there was a delay in approving last year's budget and funding was not available for it. The trailer was received a few days ago.

Mr. Nickerson informed the Commission he would like to receive a footprint prior to the state working on the new bridge.

He reported we will have new leases for the fishing docks.

The Town received information that the Police Station recently had several inches of water. Mr. Nickerson stated we are looking to find a solution for the Police Station. We have 23 police in Town. Waterford and Stonington who have the same population have 40.

The school projects are on time and on budget.

6. **Communications.**

- a.) Letter from Eileen Palmerone to Parks & Recreation regarding appreciation of staff.
- b.) Facilities request for McCooks band shell and tent for Earth Day on May 5, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Putnam had no issues with this request. They expect 1,000 in attendance, with 850 being East Lyme residents. They expect 300 vehicles. Mr. Putnam felt the overload of parking could be across the street. Mr. Larkin asked do we charge for the riser. Mr. Putnam replied we do not. Mr. Beebe asked how many parking spaces do we have at McCooks? Mr. Putnam replied 179 and 60 across the street.

MOTION (2): Mr. Fenick moved to approve the Facilities Request from Save the River-Save the Hills and Earth Day Every Day to use the McCook Band Shell and Tent on May 4, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.

c.) Facilities request for McCooks pavilion and tent for Bright Music Festival on June 9, 2019 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Mr. Putnam reported it is during the beach season but he did not see an impact. They expect 200-400 to attend and 100 vehicles. He added Parks and Recreation co-sponsor this event

MOTION (3): Mr. Fenick moved to approve the Facilities Request for the Bright Music Festival to use McCook Point Park on Sunday June 9, 2019 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. (6-0) Unanimous.

d.) Facilities Request for McCooks pavilion for the Lions on April 27, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Commission noted 100+ is expected to be in attendance. Mr. Putnam saw no issues with this request. All the fundraising for this event goes to charity.

MOTION (4): Ms. Curry moved to approve the Facilities Request from the Lions to use McCook Point Park and reserve the Pavilion, use the BBQ grills and electricity on April 27, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (6-0) Unanimous.

7. Unfinished Business.

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

b.) Miracle League Field. Mr. Putnam reported on October 6 we will have an Oyster Festival at St. John's Episcopal Church on the back lawn. We will have six Guinness beers, a golf ball drop raffle tickets at \$5 each. We will have a band. There will be 35 vendors selling a variety of items. This event is being done with Lillian's Restaurant and the Black Sheep.

On November 16 there will be an Evening of Miracles at Mohegan Sun there will be a baseball guest speaker in the New Earth Ballroom with a live and Silent Auction. The cost of \$150 includes a three-hour open bar and plated dinner. This is a kid friendly event with \$75 for a ticket for a child 13 and under.

8. Committee Reports. Mr. Beebe felt the rails should not be installed at this time.

9. New Business.

a.) Beach Report (preliminary). The Commission reviewed the Beach Report. Mr. Larkin reported having difficulty registering online. Mr. Putnam reported 20% of residents register online.

MOTION (5): Mr. Fenick moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of September 13, 2018 at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
September 13, 2018

McCook Point Park:

- We issued 4,199 seasonal beach stickers through the office this summer, down 81 from last year.
- Please see preliminary beach report for this summer on separate sheet.
- We concluded with Lifeguards on the main beach Labor Day weekend with guards on Saturday and Sunday. It continues to be a struggle to have coverage with colleges starting before Labor Day and High School sports starting as well. Lifeguarding crew did an excellent job this summer.
- Friday and Wednesday night concerts in the bandshell ended on August 31st both nights were well attended.
- Upcoming events include:
 - Jeffrey's Rainbow Run – September 14
 - Out of the Darkness Walk - September 15
 - NA – Rock fest Oct. 6
 - Touch A Truck – Oct. 13
- Back to school family campout and movie night was well attended we had twenty families campout.
- Entire staff did an outstanding job this summer – we had very few complaints and new policies implemented on walk in passes was very positive.
- Please see draft of letter to the Hartford Marathon Foundation regarding concerns about the triathlon.
- Security Camera's have been ordered for McCook, HIW ,Cini and the new Park on Penn and Main, project is being funded by the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation.

Cini Park/Boardwalk:

- Restroom trailer has been delivered and is presently being stored at the Old Highway Garage on Roxbury Road.
- See letter from Mr. Pfanner to First Selectman Mark Nickerson provided in your packet.
- Work crew from York Prison cleaned all the plaques on the Boardwalk, materials and lunch was provided by the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation.

Athletic Facilities:

- Lacrosse/Soccer wall is presently formed and will be poured as soon as weather permits.
- Work to the new cell tower/lighting is almost complete lights have been tested and are ready for use.
- We hosted the Wesleyan Women's Soccer team for a week pre-season training, also a walk thru practice for Delaware Valley University Football on their way to UMASS Dartmouth.
- All fall sports are underway, maintenance crew is doing an outstanding job of field prep.

Miscellaneous:

- I CAN BIKE program was again a huge success we had 31 riders and over 45 volunteers.
- Events magazine was distributed over the last two weeks.
- Playground Program went very well this summer – staff did an outstanding job of creative programming without the use of Lillie B Haynes this summer. We are planning for 2019 with the expectation that Lillie B. will be unavailable again next summer.