

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2019

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

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Mar 20 20 19 AT 8:26 AM PM  
B. Nadeau ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation

Also Present: Kevin Seery, Ex-officio

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the March 14, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS - None

3. MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting . Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Curry moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau (7-0) Approved.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (see attached report).

5. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Mr. Seery reported that the Board of Finance will be reviewing the Parks and Recreation Budget on Monday, April 1. After last year's 0% budget the year's 2.42% is a modest increase. Mr. Seery encouraged the commission to support the budget process; Board of Finance Public Hearing is scheduled for April 29, annual town meeting is scheduled for May 13 and the Town referendum is scheduled for May 23.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Request for use of the McCook Point Park Pavilion and Tent for a wedding on October 4, 2019 with a raindate of October 5, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the Pavilion and Tent request for October 4 and October 5, 2019 at McCook Point Park. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau (7-0) approved.

- b. Request for use of the Pavilion and Band Shell by Niantic Community Church for August 10, 2019 for an installation and pot luck supper.

MOTION: Mr. Beebe moved to approve the request submitted by the Niantic Community Church for use of the Pavilion and Band Shell for August 10. Seconded by Mr. Larkin (7-0) approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. See dates in the Director's Report for Miracle League information and dates of events. MLSECT hoping to have a ribbon cutting next spring. Dave Putnam has done a wonderful job spearheading the Miracle League project and has had support from the entire community.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019 at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry (7-0) approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Curry, Acting Recording Secretary

**Director's Report**  
**March 14, 2019**

**McCook Point Park/Beaches:**

- Seasonal Beach passes to go on sale starting Monday, April 1
- Action Item for Commission: I have been approached by the East Lyme Public Trust (June Hoyer) on placing additional trees at McCook: 1. Upper Parking Lot area between Lot and Columbus Ave., presently we have 6 trees there; there is room for two more. 2. Trees along the railroad track fence line behind the band shell to act a visual barrier ( I think this is a good idea. 3. Area between the upper parking lot at Cini Park and Rte. 156.
- Construction on the restroom trailer area at Cini Park has started the Grinder Pump has been installed. This is a priority project to be completed this spring.
- Advertisement for the Ice Cream/Food vendor proposal will go out later this month.
- Upcoming special events
  - Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K – April 28
  - Touch a Truck – May 18
  - Niantic Bay 10K – June 7
  - Bright Music Festival – June 9
  - Steve Elci concert to benefit the Miracle League of SECT – June 15
  - Celebrate East Lyme – July 20
  - Hartford Marathon Triathlon – August 4

**Athletic Fields:**

- I recently attended a Youth Football Board of Directors meeting to address concerns regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages, obtaining a copy of their bylaws, code of conduct and concussion protocols. They have provided the requested information and have assured me that the use of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted at anytime.
- Preliminary date for officially opening the fields is Saturday, March 30 (weather permitting). We do have a High School Baseball Jamboree scheduled for Saturday, March 23. First Varsity Softball game scheduled for March 30 at Vets, First JV game at Vets Baseball scheduled for April 1.
- First War at the Shore tournament scheduled for April 6 and 7.

**Budget:**

- Budget review with the Board of Selectman was conducted on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – please see our updated Operating and Capital Budget that was forwarded to the Board of Finance with a modest 2.42% increase. Capital Improvement represents the replacement of our 1992 large area mower and past vehicle acquisition payments.
- Budget review with the Board of Finance is scheduled for Monday, April 1

**RecDesk:**

- We have been very pleased with our transition from RECTRAC to RecDesk and hope to go live on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Newest software will give us the opportunity to process seasonal beach passes on line as well as take Playground registration on-line.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The spring edition of Events Magazine has been distributed.

**Miracle League Field Update:**

- Zoning Commission approved the project for Flanders Elementary School
- Fundraising total to date \$340,000.00, not included in this amount is a \$25,000.00 grant to be issued on March 25 from the Eastern CT Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
- Upcoming Fundraisers Include:
  - Prom Dress Extravaganza – March 16
  - Niantic Rotary Gala – April 13
  - Seal Watch Trip – April 13
  - Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K – April 28
  - Trivia Night – May 11
  - Steve Elci Concert at McCook – June 15