


**EAST LYME PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2019**

Present: Robert Pfanner, Chairman
Jackie Curry
Charles Fenick
Roger Nadeau
Jackie Curry
Pat Larkin
Thomas Beebe

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Sue Kumro

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Rachel Baer

1. Call to Order. Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of June 13, 2019 to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. Public Delegations. Ms. Baer distributed information on Grace Trail. She stated she is willing to donate two kits to the Parks and Recreation Commission one for the Community Center and the second at McCook's Park. The cards in the kit come with five different reflections. Mr. Putnam felt if they were used outdoors, they may need to be replaced yearly. Mr. Putnam suggested having one at Bridebrook. Mr. Larkin suggested that the Commission review the information and consider it at the August meeting.
3. Minutes Mr. Pfanner asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the May 9, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to approve the May 9, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. Messrs. Fenick and Beebe abstained from voting. (4-0-2) Motion carried.

4. Director's Report. See attached report.
5. Ex-officio Report. Mr. Seery was unable to be present. Mr. Putnam was informed by Mr. Seery that the Town budget was approved.
6. Communications. There were no communications.
7. Unfinished Business.
 - a.) Future Park Development. There was no discussion on future park development.
 - b.) Miracle League Field. See attached Director's Report.
8. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

9. New Business.

- a.) State of Connecticut reimbursement for use of Cini Park. Mr. Putnam informed the Commission that DOT will have a twenty-month project for the Niantic River bridge and has given the Town \$50,800 for loss of revenue to the Parks and Recreation Commission. This money will go into a Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund to be used for improvements to the park. Construction will start next fall and will have no impact this summer.

MOTION (2): Mr. Fenick moved to allocate \$50,800 to the Parks and Recreation as compensation for the loss of potential revenue from the Cini Park Bridge Project and that the \$50,800 be placed in the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund for improvements to Cini Park. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.

MOTION (3): Ms., Curry moved to adjourn the June 13, 2019 Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. (6-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
June 13, 2019

McCook Point Park:

- To date we have issued over 2500 seasonal beach passes. Total revenue for the spring is \$_____. Day pass sales have been very positive 2 of the last 3 weekends. Memorial Day weekend was very busy, the parking lots at Cini and Hole in Wall filled on Sunday.
- Office staff has done a tremendous job in dealing with our new software and entering new data for every patron.
- Lifeguards will start full time on Saturday, June 15. We have hired 20 lifeguards for this summer.
- Touch-A-Truck was held on Saturday, May 18 attendance exceeded 2300 patrons, weather was fantastic.
- First of the Solarware stations will be installed on Friday at the main beach at McCook.
- Niantic Bay 10K was held on Friday, June 7, we had 170 participants.
- Bright Music Festival was held on Sunday, June 9.

Cini Park/Boardwalk:

- We have received numerous compliments on the new Restroom Trailer at Cini Park. Restrooms opened on the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend. A huge thanks to Bill Scheer for all his hard work.

Athletic Facilities:

- Maintenance Crew has done an outstanding job with this being a very challenging spring we have had some type of rain event 43 of the last 60 days.
- Youth Lacrosse has completed their spring season as of June 9th
- Will be hosting numerous baseball All-Star tournaments over the next few weeks.

Budget:

- Town Budget was approved at Referendum on May 23. Capital Improvement projects for this year include new fencing for the Little League Complex and a large area mower.

Miscellaneous/Programs:

- CT Trails Day hike in partnership with the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills and Three Belles Marina was extremely successful, we had 50 people attend the hike and 20 attend a kayaking program at Three Belles.
- Playground and Hangout programs start on June 24th.
- Steve Elci Concert to benefit the Miracle League will be held at McCook on June 15th.
- Summer Concert Series – Wednesdays begin on July 10th and Fridays begin on July 12th
- Celebrate East Lyme – Saturday, July 20th
- There will be no July meeting

Miracle League Field Update:

- Fundraising to date is approaching the \$425,000 mark. At this time last year we were at \$150,000.
- Upcoming fundraising events include:
 - Steve Elci Concert – June 15
 - Niantic Bay Oyster Festival – October 12
 - Playing for a Miracle at Mohegan Sun – December 6
- We hope to begin the construction process in the next few months.