

**EAST LYME PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2019**

Present: Robert Pfanner, Chairman
Jackie Curry
Roger Nadeau
Pat Larkin
Sue Kumro

FILED

Sept 24 2019 AT 9:50 AM/PM

Kevin Muelm
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Charles Fenick
Thomas Beebe

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
William Willetts, Emeritus
Kevin Seery, Ex officio

1. Call to Order. Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of September 12, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. Public Delegations.

3. Minutes of Meeting August 8, 2019. Mr. Pfanner asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the August 8, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: On page 1, the third sentence of the last paragraph should be corrected as follows: "Mr. Larkin informed her we have an eighth mile trail where individuals may walk their dog all year long."

MOTION (1): Mr. Larkin moved to approve the August 8, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (5-0) Unanimous

3. Director's Report. See attached report.
4. Ex-officio Report. Mr. Seery reported a fox attacked two people on Heritage Road and these individuals will need rabies shots. ACO is getting DEEP involved and making people aware of it.

Construction for COSTCO is on a case by case one lane only. The police are directing traffic. Overall there have been no real complaints. The project will be completed in four weeks. Bridge work is two years away. The Mobil Station, Starlight Motel and empty restaurant will be removed. Equipment is set up on Rt. 1 and Lovers Lane. For one month the road will be shut down. We will have fire trucks and ambulance at Stones Ranch. The project will take 2-3 months. There will be a complete shutdown of Rt. 1 for ten days. Exit 74 will be shut down for 4-5 days. The HVAC system at the Town Hall is in the Capital Plan. They have identified funding

for it. This past weekend there was an Encampment at the Samuel Smith House. It was lots of fun.

5. Communications.

- a.) Email from John Bahouth to Mark Nickerson regarding miscellaneous issues at McCook Park, regarding smoking and dogs. He was informed it can be reported to the police. Ms. Kumro felt some may be service dogs.
- b.) Thank you note on 8/28/19 from Tonya Harris regarding the mobi chair at the beach. Mr. Putnam will share this note with the Rotary. Mr. Larkin asked how many times has the mobi chair been used this summer? Mr. Putnam replied 5-6 times.

6. Unfinished Business.

- a.) Future Park Development. There was no discussion on future park development.
- b.) Miracle League Field. See attached Director's Report

7. Committee Reports.

- a.) Establish By-law revision committee. Messrs. Larkin and Nadeau volunteered to be on the By-law revision committee and give their recommendations to the Commission.

8. New Business.

- a.) Acts of Kindness Campaign. Mr. Putnam reported the Town of Newington, as well as Tolland and South Windsor have an Act of Kindness Campaign. Once per month a sign can be placed in your yard for up to two months. Mr. Putnam displayed a two-sided lawn sign. He suggested that this be done in the spring. Mr. Seery suggested that Mr. Mulholland be informed of this. There was a general consensus that this was a good idea.

9. Adjournment.

MOTION (2): Ms. Curry moved to adjourn the September 12, 2019 Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr.Larkin. (5-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report
September 12, 2019**

McCook Point Park:

- Beach Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2018-2019
 - Revenue \$208,065
 - Expenses \$196,002
 - Total: \$ 12,062 Net gain for 18-19
- Additional revenue in the account includes \$50,800 payment from the state of Connecticut in anticipation of construction impacting Cini Park next season.
- Friday night concerts were extremely popular this year with large crowds parking lots were at capacity.
- Wednesday night concerts remain popular unfortunately Mother Nature was not kind to us this year.
- Niantic Bay Triathlon was conducted on Sunday, August 11 staff did an outstanding job of getting the Main Beach at McCook around 10:30 a.m.
- WJ Tree Service cut down the Copper Beech Tree near the Band Shell and limbed up the other one will keep a close eye on this tree.
- Family campout was well attended again this year with 15 families participating.
- I was very pleased with our Beach staff this summer they did an outstanding job. We were able to Lifeguard the three beaches through August 23rd.
- Upcoming Events at McCook:
 - Jeffrey's Rainbow Run on September 13
 - Out of the Darkness Walk on September 14

Cini Park/Boardwalk:

- I met with the ELPT and Bill Scheer from the Engineering Department regarding possible lights on the Boardwalk. Concerns regarding the uniformity of the lighting and the light pole structure and how it would hold up to a significant storm.

Athletic Facilities:

- Youth Football season has begun they have hosted two home games to date.
- Youth Soccer is in full swing games began last week.
- Youth Softball, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball has started as well.
- I have put together bid specifications for the fencing project at the Little League Complex, we start this project in late October.
- High School Girls Soccer team is practicing at Peretz Park they play only a handful of JV games at Peretz.

Miracle League Field:

- Fundraising totals over \$500,000, we are finishing up bid specs and hope to have phase 1 out to bid in early October.

- Upcoming Fundraisers include; Scott's Yankee Farmer Corn Maze, Walk of Horror, 2nd annual Oyster Festival on October 12th, and the Playing for a Miracle Benefit on December 6th at Mohegan Sun.

Programs:

- I CAN BIKE program was held August 12-16th we had 32 participants and over 45 volunteers participate.
- Summer Playground and Hangout programs were well attended and ran smoothly, we have over 300 participants in the Playground Program.
- Events Magazine was distributed last week with all of our fall program offerings.