


**EAST LYME PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2019**

Present: Robert Pfanner, Chairman
Jackie Curry
Thomas Beebe
Sue Kumro

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Absent: Charles Fenick
Roger Nadeau
Pat Larkin

Oct 21 2019 AT 2:45 AM (PM)


EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation
Kevin Seery, Ex officio
Todd Donovan

1. Call to Order. Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of October 10, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. Public Delegations. Todd Donovan has expressed an interest in being on the Commission and is in attendance to observe the meeting.
3. Minutes of Meeting September 12, 2019. Mr. Pfanner asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the September 12, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to approve the September 12, 2019 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. Mr. Beebe abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

4. Director's Report. See attached report.
5. Ex-officio Report. Mr. Seery reported he attended a talk by the Director of Ledge Light who informed him that they anticipate removing the ban due to EEE within two weeks. In the spring he felt we may have the same problem. Ledge Light has bricks which can be placed in standing water. There will be a meeting with DEEP to determine what is the best approach.

AMTRAK will fund a new fence from the park to the bridge.

When coming south bound on Exit 74 you need to make a left turn. Coming northbound construction will be completed in the next few weeks.

Ms. Curry asked when they redo the bridge will it be widened? Mr. Seery felt it would be.

Mr. Seery informed the Commission exit 74 will be closed for a period of time. COSTCO will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 14.

With everything included in the Public Safety Building, it would cost \$3 million over budget. If the jail cells were removed, the project cost would be reduced to \$2.2 million. It costs \$40,000 to use the Waterford jail cells. It was felt an elevator is needed for handicapped accessibility.

He informed the Commission we have a contractor for the Triumph Building.

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 attached Director's Report

8. Committee Reports.

- a.) By-law revision committee. Messrs. Larkin and Nadeau will give their recommendations to the Commission in December.

9. New Business.

- a.) Mr. Putnam reported a neighbor at Hole-in-the-Wall is willing to donate \$900-\$1100 for a solar clock to sit on the cupola.

MOTION (2): Mr. Beebe moved to accept the donation of a solar clock with guidance from Mr. Putnam. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. (4-0) Unanimous.

MOTION (3): Ms. Curry moved to adjourn the October 10, 2019 Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Beebe. (4-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
October 10, 2019

McCook Point Park:

- Swim buoys and the raft has been taken in for the year. In the near future we will be looking to upgrade the raft.
- Upcoming Special Event:
- Recent Special Events:
 - Jeffrey's Rainbow Run on September 13 – 170 participants
 - Out of the Darkness Walk on September 14- Over 400 participants
 - Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Awareness walk – Oct 5 rest station
- Restrooms will stay open as long as weather permits.
- Tent will be taken down shortly we have no scheduled activities remaining for this year.
- Mike McDowell and I have been working with JAMCO on obtaining options for lighting the band shell with security and performance lights.

Athletic Facilities:

- The triple EEE threat/alert has forced us to close the athletic facilities at 5:30 p.m. The sports leagues and Board of Education have been very cooperative in moving practices and games either earlier or inside.
- War at the Shore tournaments are done for the 2019 season we hosted 13 tournaments and things ran smoothly, Mr. Zrenda does a good of communicating with the office.
- Girls Varsity Soccer team still utilizes Keser and Firehouse for practices and we are host to a number of Freshmen and JV Soccer games.
- Fields are in great condition maintenance crew is doing an awesome job.

Miracle League Field:

- The Miracle League will be going out to bid in the next few weeks. Fundraising including the donation from Kevin's Kourts are now over \$525,000.
- Upcoming fundraisers include:
 - Oyster Festival on Saturday, October 12th 12-6 p.m. at St. John's Church
 - Playing for a Miracle on Friday, December 6 at Mohegan Sun

Budget:

- Attached for your review is a draft of the 10 year capital improvement budget. The town's CIP committee will be meeting shortly to start discussions.

Miscellaneous/Programs:

- The date for the light parade has been set for Saturday, December 8th start time of 6 p.m. with a snow/rain date of Sunday, December 9th.