

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2022

Present: Thomas Beebe, Chairman  
Pat Larkin  
Sue Kumro  
Jackie Curry

Also Present: Jeffrey Vennell  
David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jerry Lokken  
Dan Cunningham, Ex officio

Absent: Rob Tukey  
Kathleen Kusalanka  
Todd Donovan

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The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Beebe called the August 11, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** Mr. Vennell, a resident of Crescent Beach, expressed concern with the length of the Jingle being played when the ice cream truck is parked at McCook's Point Park. He asked that it be played no more than two times.

Mr. Larkin asked after the truck is parked does the driver continue to play the Jingle? Mr. Vennel replied he has been this summer. He added those of us who live nearby feel it is too much. Mr. Beebe asked does he park in the lower and upper parking lot? He was informed he does. Mr. Putnam added in the past we have talked to them. Mr. Beebe and Ms. Curry felt Mr. Vennell's request is reasonable. Mr. Putnam agreed to email Mr. Powers. He added perhaps it can be addressed in next year's vendor proposal.

**3. MINUTES**

a. Minutes of June 14, 2022 Meeting. Mr. Larkin asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 14, 2022 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

**MOTION (1):** Ms. Curry moved to approve the June 14, 2022 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. Mr. Beebe abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

**4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.** (See attached Report).

**5. EX OFFICIO'S REPORT** Mr. Cunningham welcomed Jerry Lokken, future Parks and Recreation Director, to East Lyme.

Mr. Cunningham informed the Commission a new flagpole for the Town Green is being purchased by the East Lyme Trust Foundation. It will be moved from the Copper Beach tree. The Lions Club will put the light up.

Mr. Larkin asked will the town receive reimbursement for the damaged tent? Mr. Putnam replied the town will receive 100% reimbursement.

Mr. Putnam stated a new raft will be purchased. Mr. Larkin suggested seeing what remains in the Enterprise Fund before a decision is made.

Mr. Cunningham reported a new trash compactor for Main Street was approved. He added now the trash will need to be emptied less frequently. Mr. Putnam added this will be funded through the nip money. Ms. Kumro expects the town will receive approximately \$16,000 from the nip money.

Mr. Cunningham informed the Commission the Town Engineer gave a presentation on a recharging station. The town is reviewing information from two companies and a location for them. We will need access to three-phase power. Two phases will not charge as quickly. The Town will receive a flat rate from the supplier. Mr. Beebe asked does Eversource have a program? Mr. Cunningham stated it has substantial rebates. Mr. Beebe asked does the town have electric vehicles? Mr. Cunningham replied at the present time they do not but plans to have them in the future.

Mr. Cunningham stated a street improvement study is being worked on. Sidewalks access is being considered for Rt. 161.

The Board of Selectmen had a meeting on solid waste. There were many in attendance. They are considering limiting service to developments in order to allow trucks to be able to turn. Any developers in the future will have to agree to have a dumpster because the roads are too narrow for trucks to turn. Town Counsel; will review a hold harmless agreement.

The Board of Selectmen are considering working on charter revisions.

#### **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

a.) Email from Deborah Moshier-Dunn regarding Earthfest CT next year. They wish to move the date for Earthfest to September 2023.

b.) Email from Trevor Richert regarding accessible playgrounds. Mr. Richert suggested using the \$150,000 to make the playgrounds ADA accessible. The Miracle League will be fully accessible. It will cost \$260,000 for bathrooms for the Miracle League.

#### **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Larkin asked for an update on compost toilets. Mr. Putnam had discussion with the Town Engineer on connecting into the sewer. We can have regular toilet facilities. Ledge Light has approved them.

#### **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Darrow Pond (Todd) Mr. Putnam reported \$20,000 has been appropriated for a Master Plan. Mr. Putnam recommended awarding the bid To Design Fhi Studio for the Master Plan, the low bidder.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Larkin moved to award the bid To Design Fhi Studio for the Darrow Pond Master Plan in the amount of \$22,500. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. (4-0) Unanimous.**

**MOTION (3): Mr. Larkin moved that prior to signing the contract with To Design Fhi Studio for the Darrow Pond Master Plan, we have authorization from the town for control of the 100 acres at Darrow Pond addressed in our Master Plan. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. (4-0) Unanimous.**

b. Pickle Ball (Sue) Ms. Kumro informed the Commission she plans to have a Pickle Ball Meeting in September. They have been playing at Bride Brook Park. Niantic Main Street purchased them a boat box to store the net. They are also playing at the Community Center.

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Larkin informed the Commission that during the interview process one candidate discussed the condition of one of our playing fields. That individual was critical of the walking path trash stored in the back. He felt there are also ruts in the path.

Mr. Beebe thanked Mr. Larkin and Ms. Curry for working on the interview process.

He wished Mr. Putnam a great retirement.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (4): Ms. Curry moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation August 11, 2022 Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Kumro (4-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

