

East Lyme Parks Recreation Commission
April 11, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

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Present: Robert Tukey
Thomas Beebe
Pat Larkin
Ben Armstrong
Sue Kumro
Todd Donovan

Also Present: Jerry Lokken, Director of Parks and Recreation

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

1. CALL TO ORDER Acting Chairman Larkin called the April 11, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. There were no members of the public present.

3. MINUTES

a) Minutes of March 14, 2024 Meeting. Mr. Larkin asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (1): Mr. Beebe moved to accept the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Donovan and Ms. Kumro abstained from voting. (3-0-2) Motion carried.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

a. Budget updates. Mr. Lokken reported funding for the seawall at McCook's and the disc golf course at Darrow Pond were cut from the FY 2025 budget by the Board of Finance in addition to other cuts made earlier in the process. Darrow Pond signage in the amount of \$15,000 remains in the budget. The budget will now go to the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Lokken added we expect to be able to have unused ARPA funds to accomplish some capital projects that were cut. Mr. Lokken will bring a list of projects and costs to be ranked by this Commission at the next meeting.

b. Project updates. Repairs to the Hole in the Wall parking lot have been made, the Pickleball court construction is progressing and we expect to have water fountains replaced in parks soon.

c. Recreation Supervisor. Mr. Lokken reported Mike McDowell has resigned and is taking a position in Deep River. We are working with Human Resources and the union to update the Recreation Supervisor's job description and begin recruiting for candidates.

Mr. Lokken informed the Commission that he will be out of the office due to a family emergency on Monday.

Chairman Tukey arrived.

5. EX OFFICIO'S REPORT Ms. Carlson was unable to be present, and there was no report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS. There were no new communications.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Filling Commission Vacancies. There remains one vacancy on this Commission. Mr. Donovan will contact an individual who he feels would be a good commission member.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Darrow Pond (Todd) Mr. Donovan reported he plans to meet with the Darrow Pond Subcommittee on April 22, 2024.

b) Dog Park (Rob). Ms. Kumro reported she and Mr. Lokken met with the Dog Park Subcommittee. They have prepared a survey for residents. On April 22 they plan to meet at Roxbury Road. Some members are looking into grants and several girl scouts are helping them. Ms. Kumro added the Public Trust, Lions and Rotary may be willing to help with funding it.

9. NEW BUSINESS There was no discussion of new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (2): Mr. Beebe moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission's April 11, 2024 Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Kumro (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary