

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2025

Present: Robert Tukey
Sue Kumro
Ben Armstrong
Todd Donovan
David Castro

Absent: Wick Haylon
Alicia Brothers

Also Present: Jerry Lokken, Director of Parks and Recreation

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The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

1. The May 8, 2025 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Public Delegations. There were no guests.
3. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025.

MOTION (1): Mr. Donovan moved to approve the April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Kumro. Mr. Armstrong abstained. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

4. Director's Report. Mr. Lokken gave commission members a list of 2025 McCook's Summer Concert Series. He would like to have a vendor at each of our concerts. We have Robins Ice Cream and additional vendors interested in McCook's Point Park. We have a vendor who would like to sell lobster rolls at Cini Park. The Zoning Official is ok with ice cream, but we cannot have a vendor selling lobster rolls every day. Mr. Lokken met with the Zoning Official and Town Attorney, and he is waiting for Town Attorney's decision.

Mr. Donovan stated we need an additional garbage can. Ms. Kumro suggested that the vendor take the trash with him.

Mr. Lokken stated there will be a Public Hearing on the budget. The Board of Finance restored funding to the schools. A Referendum will be held on the budget.

Mr. Castro asked if Mr. Lokken will advertise when there will be vendors at the concerts?

5. Ex-officio Report. Ms. Carlson was unable to be present and there was no report.

6. Communications. There were no new communications.

7. Unfinished Business.

a. Discussion of Proposed Dog Park Location. Ms. Kumro reported the Dog Park Committee met. They are in favor of locating the Dog Park at Darrow Pond.

8. Committee Reports.

a. Darrow Pond (Todd). Mr. Donovan had discussion with the Darrow Pond Subcommittee and there were no objections to having a Dog Park at Darrow Pond.

b. Dog Park (Sue). Mr. Lokken spoke to Donna Palumbo and she asked that this Commission determine where the Dog Park will be located.

**MOTION (2): Ms. Kumro moved to locate the Dog Park at Darrow Pond.
Seconded by Mr. Armstrong. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Mr. Lokken will develop a plan for the Zoning Commission. Ms. Kumro will discuss fundraising with the Dog Park Committee members.

Mr. Lokken met with Gary Goeschel on Monday to develop the scope of work for planning and designing of the trails on the Darrow Pond property. A Master Plan has been done for Darrow Pond.

9. New Business.

a. Discussion of Vision, Mission and Core values. The Commission reviewed the Draft Identity Document. After their input Mr. Lokken will make revisions and bring it back at the next Commission Meeting.

b. Long Term Planning Discussion. The Commission reviewed a List of Potential Capital Projects. Mr. Lokken showed a plan Robert Pfanner developed for Roxbury Road for a field project at a cost of \$10 million. Ms. Kumro asked if new fields are needed? Mr. Armstrong felt there is. Mr. Donovan suggested working on it gradually.

10. Adjournment.

**MOTION (3): Ms. Kumro moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Donovan.
(5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary