

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2025

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Present: Robert Tukey
Sue Kumro
Ben Armstrong
Alicia Brothers

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Absent: Wick Haylon
Todd Donovan
David Castro

Also Present: Jerry Lokken, Director of Parks and Recreation
Joey DeFillippi, Recreation Supervisor

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

1. The August 14, 2025 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Tukey reported Mr. Haylon informed him he wishes to resign from the Commission and that he accepted his resignation.
2. Public Delegations. There were no guests.
3. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2025.

MOTION (1): Ms. Brothers moved to approve the May 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Armstrong. Ms. Brothers abstained. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2025. Ms. Brothers name was misspelled.

MOTION (2): Ms. Brothers moved to approve the June 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Armstrong. (4-0) Unanimous.

4. Director's Report.
 - a. Insurance Claims for Miracle League and Boardwalk. Mr. Lokken reported a tree on the Miracle League property came down. An insurance claim was submitted for \$15,000. We have a \$10,000 deductible.

Mr. Lokken stated a few months ago a driver took down the fence on the north side of the street made of custom-made materials. The Town is making repairs and anticipates receiving money back from the auto insurance company eventually.

b. McCook Sea Wall Planning and Design. A consultant has been hired to prepare plans for McCook's seawall for \$18,000 and to supervise construction for \$22,000. Funding for the construction will be in next year's budget.

Mr. Lokken reported this fall there was significant erosion at the beach. The Town's engineer is working with Parks and Recreation to develop plans to install dry wells and other mitigation strategies. Work is anticipated for Fall 2025.

c. Peretz Garage and Restroom Renovation. Mr. Lokken informed the Commission that a vendor is working on plans for the renovated restroom and new garage building.

d. Peretz Baseball Field renovation (\$80,000). A consultant was hired and the work will be performed in the fall of 2025.

e. Park Improvement Projects for 2025 (Peretz parking lot and well service). Last week the Peretz irrigation well needed to be reconditioned for \$18,000 and the Peretz Parking Lot crack seal cost \$25,000. These projects were funded out of Park Improvement CIP along with repaired flooring at Hole in the Wall restrooms scheduled for fall 2025.

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

6. Communications. Email dated August 12, 2025 was received from Kevin Gervais, Director of Finance, regarding Parks & Recreation's Special Revenue Fund balance in the amount of \$300,000.

Email dated May 15, 2025 from Timothy Bleasdale regarding peddling ordinance (Sec. 112.01 through 112.99).

7. Unfinished Business.
There was no discussion of unfinished business.

8. Committee Reports.

a. Darrow Pond (Todd). Discussion on Darrow Pond was tabled until Mr. Donovan is able to be present.

Mr. Lokken stated we received a \$36,000 grant for Darrow Pond for trail planning and anticipate applying for construction funding next year.

b. Dog Park (Sue). Ms. Kumro gave Mr. Lokken \$368 from fundraising to be used towards the Dog Park. The Dog Park Committee will be going to the Zoning Commission on September 18.

c.Possible Creation of Multi-Sport Field Committee. Ms. Kumro suggested that representatives from different sports be on the Multi-Sport Field Committee. It was felt that community input is needed. Mr. Tukey suggested also having discussion with Mr. Donovan. Ms. Brothers stated she would be willing to be on the Multi-Sport Field Committee.

d.Possible Creation of McCook Playscape Replacement Committee. Mr. Lokken stated the playground needs to be replaced.

9. New Business.

a. CIP Requests for FYE 2027. The Commission reviewed the Parks & Recreation Capital Project Updates dated August 2025 and by consensus agreed with proposed projects and priorities.

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

