

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026

Present: Robert Tukey
Sue Kumro
Todd Donovan
Kenzie Lloyd
David Castro

Absent: Alicia Brothers
Ben Armstrong

Also Present: Jerry Lokken, Director
Joey DeFillippi, Recreation Supervisor

Call to Order. Chairman Tukey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. Public Delegations. There were no guests.

3. Minutes.

a. Approval of the Minutes of December 11, 2025 Meeting

MOTION (1): Ms. Kumro moved to approve the December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Donovan. (5-0) Unanimous.

4. Director's Report.

a. Search for new Parks Foreman. Mr. Lokken reported that interviewing for the Parks Foreman position will begin next week.

5. Ex-officio Report. Ms. Carlson was unable to be present but informed Mr. Lokken the Selectmen are continuing to discuss the Automatic Ticketing Ordinance. A Public Hearing will be held.

6. Communications. There were no communications received.

7. Committee Reports.

a. Darrow Pond (Todd) – CT Recreational Trails Grant Update. Mr. Donovan reported he, members of the Darrow Pond Subcommittee and Mr. Lokken will meet with the Zoning Commission on February 5 at 7:30 p.m. to request a Special Permit

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to allow trails at Darrow Pond. Mr. Lokken added a consultant was hired and they prepared the planning and design for the trails. State grants are being sought.

b. The Dog Park Committee Ms. Kumro reported the Dog Park Committee will meet next week.

c. Multi-Sport Field. Mr. Armstrong will form a Multi-Sport Field Subcommittee next week.

d. Playground Replacement. Ms. Brothers was unable to be present and there was no report.

8. Unfinished Business.

a. Park Rules. Mr. Lokken reported First Selectman Dan Cunningham will reach out to Town Attorney regarding his review of the Park Rules. There are three main issues, defining an exempt organization for the purpose of charging field rental fees for youth sports, finding out if we can limit content of banners hung at Liberty Green and adding more structure in the Director's ability to adjust fees from what the Parks and Recreation Commission set. This matter was tabled until we hear back from the Town's Attorney.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 Fee Schedule. Mr. DeFillipi distributed copies of the 2026 Proposed Fees. He proposed increases to the following: Resident one-half day and non-resident one-half day \$5; there was no longer a charge for a half-day at the Seebeck Pavilion at the Town Hall; Athletic Field Rental increased \$20; Seasonal Beach Parking and active military for a handicapped resident or senior increased by \$5, commercial increased by \$10, resident senior/handicap on-line \$5; non-resident on-line \$10 and commercial on-line by \$10; daily parking passes for resident senior/handicap \$5; non-resident \$10; commercial \$10; daily parking for resident (weekend/holiday event) \$5; additional vehicle with pavilion rental \$3; resident, town employee and active military .50; resident weekend/holiday/event \$2.50; non-resident .50 and non-resident weekend/holiday/event \$2.50; all daily beach admissions increased by \$5; vendor at McCook increased by \$25; Peretz vendor \$100 and a concert vendor \$10.

In 2024 6,928 passes were sold and in 2025 were 7,050 and the total received was \$338, 838.89

MOTION (2): Ms. Kumro moved to adopt the 2026 fees for Parks & Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Castro. (5-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Lokken reported on cell phone data.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Mr. Donovan moved to adjourn the January 8, 2025 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Castro. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

