

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2009

Present: Roger Nadeau
Milan Keser
Jacqueline Curry
Ed Dzwilewski
Charles Fenick
William Willetts

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Call to Order. Acting Chairman Nadeau called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of November 5, 2009 to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Public Delegations. There were no public delegations.

3. Minutes

a.) Minutes of Meeting October 1, 2009. Mr. Keser asked for additions, correction or deletions to the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2009.

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to accept the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2009, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dzwilewski. (5-0) Unanimous

4. Director's Report. (See attached report).

Commission members reviewed the plan for Main Street renovations. The Town would like this Commission's approval to add two lights along the new paver sidewalk at the Town Green.

MOTION: Mr. Keser moved to approve two additional lights along the new paver sidewalk at the Town Green. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. Mr. Dzwilewski abstained from voting, because he would like to see the area where they will be placed. (4-0-1)

Mr. Fenick discussed a safety issue at Hole-in-the-Wall.

Mrs. Curry suggested better lighting at the train tunnel.

Mr. Putnam informed the Commission the Army Corps of Engineers will determine when AMTRAK bridge will be dismantled.

There was discussion on an access tunnel near the Morton House. Mr. Putnam stated because of the cost, it is not being considered at this time.

Commission member Mr. Willetts arrived.

5. Communications. There were no communications.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Putnam gave two proposals for a banquet to honor the recipient of the LifeTime Achievement Award. Mr. Putnam was asked to get another proposal. Mrs. Curry suggested that the cost be kept down to allow more people to come.

Mr. Keser agreed to get information on a plaque to honor the recipient.

Mr. Putnam agreed to contact Mr. Tobin to determine what date in January was best for him.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Putnam reported the Bocce Court is being used regularly.

a.) Sign/Banner Application for Liberty Green from Michael Ritz, representing East Lyme High School Rowing Association, requesting an extension of time from December 23, 2009 to January 23, 2010 for the sandwich board and banner advertising the Fruit Fundraiser.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the request from East Lyme High School Rowing Association for an extension of time from December 23, 2009 to January 23, 2010 for the sandwich board and banner advertising the Fruit Fundraiser. Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous

b.) McCook Point Park Pavilion Reservation Fees. Commission members reviewed draft McCook Point Park Pavilion Reservation Fees. Mr. Willetts suggested that the refundable deposit for clean-up and/or damages be increased to \$100.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the McCook Point Park Pavilion Reservation Fee Schedule after increasing the refundable deposit for clean-up and/or damages to \$100. Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.

9. FYI

Mr. Putnam made available to commission members vendor bills and the program budget.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Willetts moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of November 5, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dzwilewski. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
November 5, 2009

McCook Point Park:

- Upper bathrooms have been winterized the lower bathrooms and the Hole in the Wall restrooms will be winterized later this month.
- Brush work along the point from Hole in the Wall to the Main Beach has been cleared by prisoners from Gates they have also put together the new picnic tables for McCook, cleared brush and did some painting at Vets, they have been a tremendous help.
- Opening ceremonies for the Hole in the Wall project were conducted on October 15 in a steady rain. Approximately 40 people attended.

Athletic Fields:

- Pee Wee Football and Little have completed there seasons. Soccer Club and Babe Ruth Baseball will finish this weekend. Fields have held up well to date.
- We will be concentrating on renovations to Veterans Memorial Park this fall. Irrigation project to complete the baseball field started this week, new infield material for the Softball field will be installed next week and the fencing replacement will take place before the first of the year.

Liberty Green:

- Main Street renovations have started and they will be moving to the north or Liberty Green side shortly. Addition to the Town Green will be the installation of two lights along the new paver sidewalk. The town would like the commission's approval of the two lights.

Miscellaneous:

- Preliminary Budget is due to the Finance Office in early December, I will have a draft for you at our next meeting.
- Winter Brochure will be delivered on or around November 20.
- I and Mr. Formica meet with representatives of the Niantic Lions Club regarding upgrades and renovations to the Lions Club Pavilion at the Town Hall. I will be working with the Engineering Department on a site plan for the possible improvements.