

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2009

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

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Call to Order. Acting Chairman Willetts called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of June 4, 2009 to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Public Delegations. There were no public delegations

3. Minutes

a.) Minutes of Meeting May 7, 2009. Mr. Willetts asked for additions, correction or deletions to the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2009.

MOTION: Mr. Dzwilewski moved to accept the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2009, as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (5-0) Unanimous

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

5. Communications.

a.) Memo from David M. Putnam, Director, to Mike Powers of Flavor King and Robert Robishaw of King Dogs regarding vendor usage at Bridebrook Park.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Willetts stated he observed a dog without a leash on the Boardwalk. Mr. Putnam stated the Boardwalk will be patrolled beginning on June 20.

Town Attorney has reviewed the ordinances.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Burkhardt will be invited to the September Meeting of this Commission to receive the Service to Youth Award.

It was felt that Robert Tobin should be considered for the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Lifetime Achievement Award. All Commission members were asked to give Mr. Nadeau written information on why they would recommend him for this award.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Budget. Mr. Putnam reported the budget passed. The Maintainer II, Step 2 position has been posted internally.

b.) July Meeting. It was felt there is no need to have the July East Lyme Parks and Recreation Meeting. If something urgent comes up, Mr. Putnam will schedule a Special Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to cancel the July 2, 2009 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting.
Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (5-0) Unanimous

Commission member Milan Keser arrived.

9. FYI

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Dzwilewski moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of June 4, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Keser. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Directors Report June 4, 2009

McCook Point Park:

- Beach stickers issued to date are 1470 a little behind last year at this time.
- Lifeguards will start on Saturday June 20th, we have hired 6 new guards this year.
- Gate Attendants started on weekends Memorial Day weekend.
- New flooring was installed this week in the support building at the Hole in the Wall bathrooms were closed from Monday through Friday.
- The annual “Touch – A – Truck event we co-sponsored on Saturday May 16 drew over 1200 participants.
- Niantic Bay 10K will be run on Friday June 12.
- New signage has been posted at the beach funded by a grant from the Ledge Light Health District.

Athletic Facilities:

- We hosted the ECC Softball Tournament at Veterans Memorial Park and received many favorable comments on the field. Maintenance Crew did an outstanding job of getting fields ready.
- War at the Shore used our fields over the Memorial Day weekend everything ran smoothly.
- Youth spring leagues will be winding down in the next couple of weeks – fields have held up well.
- Basketball Courts at Bridebrook have received the first stage of re-surfacing, second phase to be completed by July 1.

Budget:

- Town budget approval allows us to re-instate the maintainer position vacated in Oct. of 2004. Position has been posted internally through June 15. Hope to have the position filled on July 1.
- Capital Improvement items approved include: Replacement of fencing at Veterans Memorial Park and an additional pick-up truck.

Miscellaneous:

- CT Trails Day is this Saturday we will be co-sponsoring a hike with the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills starting at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Guided hikes will be available.
- We have received favorable feedback on having the office open late on Thursdays 7:00 p.m. for beach passes and to register for programs.

Programs:

- Playground registration took place on Tuesday June 2nd we took in over \$40,000 on that day. Many compliments on the organization of our office staff they did an outstanding job. Playground starts June 29.
- Zumba and other fitness classes continue to be very popular.

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