

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

Director's Report

Present: Bill Willetts  
Roger Nadeau  
Jackie Curry  
Charlie Fenick

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Joe Berry  
Stephen Atherton  
Jim Levandoski  
Cliff Kramm  
Grant Livingston

1. Call to Order. Vice Chairman, Willetts called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of February 5, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public Delegations. Mr. Berry of the Veteran's Council was present and provided a detailed map of the Libery Green Brick project and the proposed location of the bricks. Mr. Berry also provided the Commission with a sample brick to be used for the project.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the location and style of brick to be used for the Liberty Green brick project that will recognize East Lyme Veteran's as presented by Mr. Berry. Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (4-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Livingston of East Lyme Little League was present and asked the support of the Commission for the Little League to place lights on the President's Field #3 at the Little League Complex. East Lyme Little League will be incurring all cost on this project.

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to approve East Lyme Little Leagues request to place lights on the President's Field #3 at the Little League complex. All ordinances related to athletic lighting as outlined in the Parks and Recreation regulations will be followed. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (4-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Atherton representing Narcotics Anonymous was present to answer questions related to his two facility request forms for use of the Pavilion at McCook Point Park on May 10, 2009 and September 13, 2009.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau move to approve the two facility request applications for use of the Pavilion at McCook Point Park for May 10, 2009 and September 13, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All vendors must provide the necessary insurance requirements, speakers for the event must be pointed away from downtown Niantic and the Commission will waive the fee for these two events. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (4-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Kramm was present and discussed with the Commission the idea and possible support of placing regulatory buoys in the Niantic River to help distinguish the 200 foot area from shore for boaters. He will bring back additional information to the Commission's next meeting.

Mr. Levandoski was present to discuss the proposed Parks and Recreation Ordinance revisions that he and Mr. Putnam have been working on. Mr. Willetts asked for additional time to review the proposed changes and for any vote to be tabled to the next meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes of December 4, 2008. Mr. Willetts asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the December 4, 2008 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the December 4, 2008 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau (3-0) Mr. Willetts abstained.

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

5. Communications. Memo from J. Robert Pfanner to Esther Williams, Town Clerk regarding list of approved meeting dates for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

6. Unfinished Business.

a. Lifetime Achievement Award Proposal

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the Lifetime Achievement Award as presented. The recognition award to be provided will be decided on by the Commission at a later date. Seconded by Mr. Fenick (4-0) Unanimous.

b. Liberty Green Brick Project was discussed and voted on during Public Delegations.

c. Ordinance Changes was discussed during Public Delegations and tabled to next Commission meeting.

7. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

8. New Business.

a. Facility Request form from Stephen Atherton for use of the Pavilion at McCook Point Park for May 10, 2009 was discussed and voted on during Public Delegations.

b. Facility Request form from Stephan Atherton for use of the Pavilion at McCook Point Park for September 13, 2009 was discussed and voted on during Public Delegations.

c. Facility Request form from Beth Shluger representing Hartford Marathon Foundation requesting use of the Pavilion at McCook Point Park for August 8 and 9, 2009.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the facility request form from Beth Shluger representing the Hartford Marathon Foundation for a Clam Bake and Triathlon. Clam Bake will be on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the Triathlon on Sunday, August 9, from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All insurance requirements for all vendors must be provided prior to the event. Seconded by Mrs. Curry (4-0) Unanimous.

d. East Lyme Little League Lighting Proposal was discussed and voted on during Public Delegations.

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

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Fencik moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of February 5, 2009 at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Putnam, Director

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**McCook Point Park:**

- We placed an order for an additional 10 benches for McCook Point Park. To date we have sold 23 benches. Money from the sale of the benches is going towards improvements at the park.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- We will be gearing up for the spring season shortly. I am in the process of getting information out to the leagues regarding their anticipated usage.
- East Lyme Little League would like to install lights on the President's Field #3. The entire cost of the project will be paid for by Little League. They asking for the Commission's approval of this project. I have submitted preliminary plans to the Zoning Office for their review.
- Pee Wee Football is interested in placing a storage shed/container approximately 8'x20' in an area adjacent to the field to store additional equipment and supplies similar to Metal Container at Vet's.

**Budget:**

- To date Capital Improvement items that are proposed to be funded this year include: Replace outfield fencing at Veteran's Memorial Park, New Pick-up Truck with snow plow capabilities, funds to begin a Dog Park and partial funding for the Playscape addition at McCook.
- I met with Paul Formica and Anna Johnson regarding our operating budget that included the additional maintainer position.

**Liberty Green:**

- Veteran's Council has provided a plan for the installation of the brick walk way around the Memorial. They are looking for the commission's approval of the area so that they can proceed to sell the bricks.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Congratulations to two board members: Roger Nadeau for receiving the Otto Graham Award in the East Lyme Football Hall of Fame and Milan Keser for being elected into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame.