

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

May 7, 2009

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

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation
Molly Deweese
Coreen Rivera
Robert Robishaw
William Haylon
Rob Wilson

1. Call to Order. Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of May 7, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Delegations. Mr. Putnam reported Mr. Haylon has submitted a Facilities Request for Blueprint Lacrosse, LLC to use Bridebrook Park Soccer and Utility fields for a Lacrosse Camp from August 3 to August 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are no conflicts. There will be a charge of \$100 per day, per field.

Mr. Dzwilewski asked if East Lyme participants will be given a reduced rate? Mr. Haylon agreed they would.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the Facilities
request from Blueprint Lacrosse, LLC to
use Bridebrook Park Soccer and Utility
Fields for a Lacrosse Camp from August 3
to August 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., that a fee

of \$100 per field per day is paid and provided
 a Certificate of Insurance is given to the
 Parks and Recreation Office prior to this
 Camp. Seconded by Mr. Willetts. (7-0)
 Unanimous.

Mr. Putnam reported Flavor King and King Dogs have submitted vendor proposals for Samuel Peretz Park at Bridebrook. They are willing to share the service. Mr. Putnam will meet with both of them to discuss each vendor's menu and where they will locate at this park. Mr. Robishaw stated two weekends ago he asked for permission to be at this park and Flavor King also came. They had no problem working together since each had a different menu. Mr. Nadeau felt it would be appropriate to reduce the proposal amount by half.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the vendor proposals
 of Flavor King and King Dogs to sell food items at
 Samuel Peretz Park at Bridebrook in 2009, provided each
 vendor works together, for an amount of \$250 each.
 Seconded by Mr. Keser. (7-0) Unanimous.

A Vendor Proposal was received from Flavor King Ice Cream for McCook Point Park and Hole-n-Wall Beach in the amount of \$1800.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to accept the Vendor Proposal
 received from Flavor King Ice Cream to sell
 food items at McCook Point Park and Hole-N-Wall
 Beach for the 2009 season for the sum of \$1800.
 Seconded by Mrs. Curry. (7-0) Unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2009. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or

corrections to the April 2, 2009 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: The second paragraph, first sentence, of page 3 to be revised as follows: "Mr. Nadeau felt the money spent for a Dog Park could be put to better use, e.g. to support sports and other youth activities in Town."

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the April 2,
2009 East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular
Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded
by Mr. Fenick. Mrs. Curry and Mr. Pfanner
abstained from voting. (5-0-2) Motion carried.

Coreen Rivera was present to represent the East Lyme Class of 1989 to request a Twenty Year Reunion Family Picnic at McCook Point Park. They would like to reserve the pavilion.

Mr. Putnam asked if they would have a caterer or a tent erected? Ms. Rivera replied they would not.

Mr. Putnam requested a list of attendees prior to the event.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to approve the East Lyme Class
of 1989 Twenty-Year Reunion Family Picnic at
McCook Point Park on Sunday, July 26, 2009 from
1 p.m. to 5 p.m., provided a list of attendees is
submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office prior
to this picnic. Seconded by Mr. Dzwilewski.
(7-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Putnam asked the Commission if they wish to bring future class reunions before the Commission. Mr. Dzwilewski felt Mr. Putnam did not need to bring East Lyme class reunions before the Commission. There was a general consensus of all other Commission members that each class reunion should come before the Commission.

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

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to approve the surveillance software system proposal from New England Communications Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$6,800. Funds for this acquisition will come out of the Boardwalk Maintenance Fund. Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (7-0) Unanimous.

5. Communications. There were no communications.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rob Wilson thanked East Lyme Parks and Recreation staff for allowing varsity baseball games at Bridebrook.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Nadeau reported the subcommittee recommends Gerard Burkhardt for the Service to Youth Award.

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to approve the Service to

Youth Award to Gerard Burkhardt. Seconded

by Mr. Dzwilewski. (7-0) Unanimous.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a.) Facility Request Form from Ashley Orefice representing the East Lyme High School Class of 1989 twenty-year reunion requesting use of the Pavilion and McCook Point Park, on Sunday, July 26, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for a family picnic.

b.) Facility Request Form from William Haylon representing Blueprint Lacrosse, LLC requesting use of the soccer and utility fields at Samuel M. Peretz Park @ Bridebrook, August 3 through August 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Lacrosse Camp.

c.) Park Vendors.

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 May 7,
2009 at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Willetts. (7-0)
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

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Director's Report

May 7, 2009

McCook Point Park:

- Stickers went on sale Monday, we will have gate attendants on duty starting the Memorial Day Weekend and Lifeguards will go on duty June 20th.
- Hole in the Wall update: Shower Tower and the Drinking Fountain were installed this week, parking lot lines will be painted shortly weather permitting and remaining planting areas have been planted and mulched, with assistance from the York Correctional Inmates. They also cleaned up the entire bank along the railroad tracks and assembled benches.
- May 16 will be the annual Touch-a-Truck event conducted in the upper parking lot at McCook. It is a fundraiser for the SE Ct Child and Family Agency, a \$3.00 donation is requested.

Athletic Facilities:

- War at the Shore AAU tournament was conducted April 25 and 26, everything ran smoothly they have additional tournaments on Memorial Day and July 4th weekends.
- Maintenance crew continues to do an outstanding job of preparing and maintaining our facilities.
- Little League conducted re-dedication ceremonies on Saturday May 2nd for the four fields. George Jones the first LL President in 1954 threw out the first pitch. Thank you to Roger Nadeau and Jackie Curry for attending and partaking in the ceremonies.
- Lights on Little League field #3 have been installed and are operational they had their first games under the lights last weekend.
- Men's Softball to start May 11th, 16 teams are registered.

Budget:

- The reinstatement of the Maintainer II position is still in the budget as it moves forward. Further cuts to our budget include \$40,000.00 out of the Capital Improvement Budget for the Playscape enhancements at McCook Point Park. Town meeting is scheduled for Monday May 11 at the High School and the referendum on the budget is scheduled for Friday May 22 here at the Community Center from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Provided is information regarding upgrades to the security software presently in place and the ability to expand the number of cameras and locations. Monies for this upgrade are available in the Maintenance Account for the Boardwalk and from the sale of benches in McCook Point Park. Proposal has received favorable feed back from the EL Public Trust.

Miscellaneous:

- Summer Program Brochure is due out starting May 21st
- We have received over double the applications for summer employment this year. We have received over 65 applications for 6 Playground openings. Interviews for Lifeguards have started and the Gate Attendant and Playground interviews will take place next week.
- We are co-sponsoring a hike on CT Trails Day with the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills on Saturday June 6th. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park Trail Head and will include guided as well as non-guided hikes.
- We will be adding an event The Great Niantic Bay Raft Race to our Celebrate East Lyme activities the event will take place on the Hole in the Wall Beach starting at 6:00 p.m. We will also hold the 4th annual Sandcastle Contest from 9-11 a.m.