

East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2015

Present: Robert Pfanner  
Charles Fenick  
Jackie Curry  
Milan Keser  
Roger Nadeau

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
JULY 20 2015 AT 12:45 AM  
H. A. Nadeau, Jr.  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: William Willetts  
Pat Larkin

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation  
Kevin Seery, Ex officio member of the Board of Selectman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of July 9, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 11, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2015, as presented.  
Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (5-0) Unanimous.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (See attached report.)

Mr. Putnam received a Lease for consideration of a cell tower at Peretz Park. Mr. Keser was concerned with safety. Mr. Putnam informed him a structural analysis is being done. Mr. Putnam has requested that they put in extra conduit fiber optic so he can control the lights and telephone. Mr. Putnam would like the rental funds received to be set up for improvements to Peretz Park.

MOTION: Mr. Fenick moved to forward the Lease to the Board of Selectmen recommending that they move the 8X8 fence to the west, and that the Board of Selectmen negotiate a higher monthly rental. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. Mr. Keser abstained from voting.  
(4-0-1) Motion carried.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a.) Letter of thanks to Ari Manthous for his Eagle Scout Project from David Putnam.

b.) Email/Chain from Dan McCarthy to Mark Nickerson regarding senior pass fees and dogs. Mr. Putnam felt the \$5 increase to senior passes was unfair. He sits in his car with his dog and was informed dogs were not allowed in the park.

c.) Email from Greg Decker to David Putnam regarding PA system @ Vets. Mr. Nickerson suggested moving the speakers. Mr. Putnam replied we tried to move them, and the problem was not solved. Mr. Keser suggested a different type of speaker. Mr. Putnam agreed to check into that.

Mr. Putnam received a telephone call from a gentleman regarding Pee Wee Football. He would like this Commission to fund a PA system for Pee Wee Football at a cost of \$3800. The President would like this Commission to help fund new bleachers. The Commission agreed to fund the bleachers but not the PA system.

A Facilities Request Form was submitted for an all day East Lyme High School Class of 1995 Reunion on September 26, 2015. They wish to reserve the pavilion. Mr. Putnam will request a list of attendees.

MOTION: Ms. Curry moved to tentatively approve the all day East Lyme High School Class of 1995 Reunion at McCook Point Park on September 26, 2015, and that they be allowed to reserve the pavilion. Seconded by Mr. Nadeau. (5-0) Unanimous.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Future Park Development. There was no discussion on future park development.

b.) Boardwalk Construction Update. The Boardwalk Construction is progressing.

#### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion of new business.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Nadeau moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting of July 9, 2015 at 8 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report  
July 9, 2015**

**McCook Point Park:**

- As of July 8 we have issued 3,500 vehicle stickers, 250 are non-resident passes.
- Lifeguards began on June 19<sup>th</sup> they are doing a great job.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was extremely busy staff did a good job managing the crowds, parking was at a premium on Friday and Sunday. Revenue from Day pass sales exceeded \$7,000.00 for the weekend. We were able to open the Hole in Wall beach access from the parking lot on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we provided crossing guards for the day.
- Upcoming special events include; Celebrate East Lyme on July 18<sup>th</sup>, Niantic Bay Triathlon on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and summer concerts sponsored by Youth Services will be held every Wednesday evening at McCook.
- With the Hole in Wall parking lot access restricted crowds have been very small on the beach and parking lots at McCook and Cini reach near capacity on good beach days.
- New grills have been installed in the upper picnic area.

**Boardwalk Construction Update:**

- The concrete cap to the sheet pilings is ongoing and work is progressing toward the Hole in Wall.
- Grass area below the Pavilion will be turned back over to us this week.

**Cini Park/Boardwalk:**

- Moving of the Lifeguard area closer the fishing jetty has worked out well. We are seeing good crowds attending the beach.
- The selling of beach passes during the weekend at all three entrances has been well received.

**Athletic Facilities:**

- East Lyme Youth Lacrosse hosted a Jamboree the weekend of June 20 and 21 at Bridebrook. It went very smoothly and EL Lacrosse did a good job handling the large crowd with parking and litter control.
- We are into All Star season and have hosted district games at Vets Softball and Baseball and Field 3 at Little League.
- We have shut down the Berardo field for the summer and have seen a significant improvement in the turf.
- The new pavilion at Bridebrook is complete it looks awesome.
- Verizon Wireless is proposing to use one of the light towers at Bridebrook to host some Cell phone equipment and provide the town with a monthly rental fee.

**Upcoming Special Events/Programs:**

- Celebrate East Lyme on Saturday, July 18
- Niantic Bay Triathlon on Sunday, August 2
- Regional Theater program will have their summer performance of Suessical the weekend of August 7-9 at East Lyme High School
- Month of August Youth Services will be hosting Wednesday night concerts on the beach.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual movie night and camp out will take place on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at McCook.
- Playground program 234 and hangout average of 25 per week have had good attendance staff is doing a great job.