

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2014

Present: Robert Pfanner
William Willetts
Pat Larkin
Milan Keser
Jackie Curry

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August 11, 2014 AT 1:00 AM/PM
Cesley A. Sears
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of East Lyme Parks and Recreation

Chairman Pfanner called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of August 7, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS – There were no public delegations

3. MINUTES

a.) Minutes of June 5, 2014 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Willetts moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2014 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Larkin. (Approved 3-0-2) Mr. Keser and Mrs. Curry Abstained.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attached report

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a.) E-mail from Ilene Lewit to David Putnam, East Lyme Parks and Recreation regarding Walk-in passes.
- b.) E-mail from Daniel McCarthy to David Putnam and Paul Formica, First Selectman regarding Walk-in passes.
- c.) Letter from Joanne Kraska; Child and Family Agency to David Putnam, East Lyme Parks and Recreation thank you for Touch A Truck.
- d.) Memo of Understanding from David Putnam, East Lyme Parks and Recreation to Anna Hartung; President Local 1303-229 of Council #4 regarding job classification change.
- e.) Letter from David Putnam, East Lyme Parks and Recreation to Brian Schuch; Chairman of the Planning Commission regarding improvements to Samuel Peretz Park @ Bridebrook.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Cini Park/AMTRAK Beach Recommendations – no further discussion
- b.) Future Park Development – Mr. Pfanner and Mr. Putnam continue to work on the site plan for Roxbury Road.
- c.) Boardwalk Construction Update- Mr. Putnam informed the Commission of the progress to date, work has begun on construction the road to the Boardwalk from the upper parking lot at McCook.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Request form Jan Pierson representing the Crescent Beach Historical Interest Group on use of McCook Point Park for Historic walking tour on August 9, 2014.
- b.) Facilities Request Form from Betty Murphy representing the Waterford High School class of 1960 requesting use of the Pavilion at McCook Point Park for a class reunion on June 20, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Larkin moved to approve the facilities request form presented by Betty Murphy representing the Waterford High School class of 1960 reunion for Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., user group to provide the Department a list of attendees one week prior to the event. Seconded by: Mrs. Curry (Approved 5-0) unanimous.

- c.) Next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be moved to McCook Point Park on Thursday, September 4 starting at 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Willetts moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Regular meeting of August 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Keser (Approved 5-0) unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Putnam, Director

Director's Report August 7, 2014

McCook Point Park Stickers/Passes:

- Revenue as of July 31st is \$125,030.00, last year at this time revenue was \$100,840.00
- Non-resident fees have accounted for 37% of our entire revenue \$45,955.00
- July 4th weekend was extremely busy with record number of non-resident passes being sold, even with a rainy 4th of July we doubled our weekend totals from last year.
- Even with a \$10.00 increase in non-resident stickers we have sold 279 compared to last year at 264.

Boardwalk Construction:

- Construction has begun on the Boardwalk, the walking path behind the Hole in the Wall has been closed and signs posted. The area between the upper parking lot to the Hole in Wall path has been fenced off as well.

McCook Point Park:

- Tent has been a good addition to the park and has eased the burden of not having the Pavilion.
- Hosted Memorial Service for Dr. Lombardo's wife on July 26th.
- Niantic Bay 10K was held on Friday, June 13th we had over 290 participants registered proceeds went to the Youth Services after School Open Center program.
- Triathlon was conducted on Sunday, August 3rd everything ran smoothly they had approximately 550 participants.
- East Lyme Public Schools start on August 27th we will have Gate Attendants on until Aug. 26th and during Labor Day weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty until August 17th and weekends until Labor Day.
- Front office staff has done an outstanding job this spring and summer dealing with the public and answering questions regarding the change in walk-in policies, staffing Cini on a full-time basis and the no dog statue at Cini.

Celebrate East Lyme:

- Event was extremely successful and well attended. Mike McDowell again did an outstanding job of organizing the entire event. We had 15 teams participate in the Sandcastle Contest. We had no raft race this year however we had Paddle Board demonstrations available on the Hole in the Wall Beach. Fireworks were impressive we receive a substantial donation from Dominion to help offset the cost.

Playground/Hangout Program:

- We were notified by East Lyme Police to put our three locations for Playground and Hangout into Lockdown on Monday, August 4, 2014. Please see attached correspondence regarding actions taken by the community. Our Playground staff did an outstanding job of handling the situation.

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Athletic Facilities:

- We hosted a number of Baseball and Softball Tournaments this summer including the 16-18 year old Babe Ruth State Tournament.
- We continue to host War at the Shore Baseball Tournaments, tournaments hosted on July 4th weekend, July 19, 20 and August 1 and 2.
- Fall seasons will begin shortly with PeeWee Football beginning August 1st and Youth Soccer starting later this month.
- I have been scheduling the Synthetic Turf Field at the High School since mid-June and will continue through August 13th, which is the date High School Football practice begins.
- Community Build for the Playscape at Peretz Park @ Bridebrook is scheduled for August 25 and 26. Triumph Industries will again be assisting us with the community build.

- \$100,00 worth of improvements have been approved for upgrades to Peretz Park @ Bridebrook which will include: New Picnic Pavilion, replace concrete parking barriers, renovate the basketball court, new dugout roofs and replace the fencing between the Fire Department.
- Work continues on the new restroom facility at Vets we hope to have open later this fall.

Beach Grooming:

- We have provided beach grooming services for the following this summer:
 - Niantic Yacht Club
 - Giants Neck Heights Beach
 - Millstone Point Beach Association
 - Waterford Beach Association
 - Towns of Waterford and New London
 - Crescent Beach Association

Programs/Miscellaneous:

- 2nd annual movie night and campout will be held on Friday, August 29th event was well attended last year.
- Wednesday night concerts will continue on the beach through August 27th – we have conducted two to date and they have been very well attended.
- East Lyme Regional Theater production of Footloose which we sponsor will take place at East Lyme High School from August 8=10th. This is their 5th year offering a production.
- Fall program brochure will be out the week of August 18th.
- Summer program enrollments include:
 - Playground 233
 - Hangout averaged 30 Kids per week @ 7 weeks
 - Extended Care Playground averaged 62 kids per week
 - Lacrosse Camps – 95
 - Volleyball Camp – 31
 - Skyhawks Sports Camps – 79
 - Football Camp – 20
 - Theater/Drama Camp – 47
 - Fencing – 14
 - Pre-school camps – 19