

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2014

Present: William Willetts, Jr
Jacqueline Curry
Milan Keser
Roger Nadeau
Pat Larkin

Ex-Officio, Mark Nickerson, Deputy First Selectman

Also Present: David Putnam
Michael McDowell
Gene Carini
John DeSantis
Bob Collins
Bob Kelly

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Willetts called the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting of November 6, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

John DeSantis of 7 Corey Lane asked about the Parks and Recreation Commission's plans for Town owned land on Roxbury Road. He had questions related to the Excavator that is located there. Mr. Putnam responded that the excavator was used to dig test holes on the site to determine the amount of ledge. Mr. DeSantis expressed his concerns regarding the future of a park being built on that site.

Mr. Nickerson stated that any future development of the park will have to go through the approval process of the required Town's Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Collins asked about Sate land adjacent to Peretz Park @ Bridebrook and the possibility of that being developed as a future park. Mr. Putnam stated that parcel was looked into and the State was not willing to give up that parcel.

Mr. Kelly inquired if additional parcels of Town owned land have been explored for possible park development. Mr. Kelly was concerned about the amount of noise and traffic the park would attract.

Mr. Putnam stated that he would send Mr. DeSantis, Mr. Collins and Mr. Kelly the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of East Lyme for conveyance of the property on Roxbury Road to the Town of East Lyme.

3. MINUTES

- a.) Minutes of October 2, 2014 meeting. Mr. Willetts asked for additions, corrections or deletions to the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2., 2014.

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to accept the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2014 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Keser. (2-0-3) approved. (Mr. Keser. Mr. Larkin and Mr. Willetts abstained).

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (See attached report)

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a.) E-mail from Charles Ambulos to David Putnam, Director regarding dogs on Town Beaches was reviewed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Cini Park/AMTRAK Beach Recommendations.
- b. Future Park Development- Test holes were dug on the Roxbury Road site.
- c. Boardwalk Construction Update – Work is continuing on the installation of the sheet piles.
- d. East Lyme Public Trust Bench Program – nothing new to report
- e. Facilities Request – Dog Days Adoption Event – tabled until the December meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There no Committee Reports

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Facilities Request Form from Karen Danskin representing Spreading Light Music Festival requesting use of McCook Point Park for bands and interactive booths on May 31, 2015.

Request was tabled until the December meeting, the Commission would like to invite the organizers to the next meeting to explain the event and where/what will the donations be used for.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Curry moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of November 6, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Larkin (5-0) Unanimous.

Director's Report
November 6, 2014

McCook Point Park:

- I will have recommendations for Sticker fees for the 2015 season at our December meeting for your review.
- The Jingle Bell 5K will be held on Saturday, December 6 with the starting and finishing line being McCook Point Park. Proceeds will benefit the Brian Dagle Memorial Foundation.
- The tent has been taken down for the winter we received many favorable comments and will put it back up in the spring.
- Additional space in the upper picnic area has been granted to Weiss Construction to store additional materials for the Boardwalk repairs. Area is to be given back to us before June 1.

Boardwalk:

- Work is continuing on the driving of the sheet piles on the Boardwalk. Sheet piles are approximately 33 feet long.

Athletic Facilities:

- Resurfacing of the Basketball Courts is complete, they came out great.
- Renovations to the grass portion of the Infield on the Vets Baseball Field have been completed. Renovations included removing approximately 4 feet of sod on each baseline and the around the perimeters to reduce our lips, areas were laser graded as well.
- Renovations to Field 3 at the Little League Complex have been completed. Little League paid for the entire renovation to their infield including laser grading and replacing all the sod.
- Sod work is almost complete on all the goal mouth areas at Peretz Park @ Bridebrook.
- Last activities on the Athletic Fields are scheduled for this weekend.
- Work started today on the replacement of the parking barriers at Peretz Park @ Bridebrook.
- Two remaining projects for Peretz Park improvements include the installation of a Picnic Pavilion and Dugout roofs which are planned for this spring.

Miscellaneous:

- Holiday stroll and tree lighting is scheduled for Saturday, November 29th.
- The Niantic Light Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 starting at 6 p.m.
- Events magazine (winter edition) promoting our activities and facilities will be mailed sometime in Mid November.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Putnam, Director

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- Staffing update: Deb Levandoski our Administrative Assistant has accepted a similar position with the Police Department, interviews to replace her position were held yesterday. I am hoping for a decision by Friday or early next week.

