

OL Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
2/2/23 – 6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting (in person and telephone call-in)
In-person location: Meeting Hall, Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

In Person: Bob Dunn (Chairman), Tim Gavin, Mary Ellen Garbarino, Ryan Lee, Brendan McKeever (Vice-Chair), Don Bugbee (Director), Sara van Vliet

On Phone:

Absent: Missy Garvin, Winnie Edmed (Assistant Director)

Guests: Mike Reiter and Matthew Reed (LOL Little League), Jeri Baker (Senior Center)

APPROVE previous meeting minutes – December 1, 2022

Ryan Lee moved to accept the meeting minutes of December 1, 2022, and Sara van Vliet seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Brendan McKeever moved to approve the present slate of officers for another year term. Ryan Lee seconded the motion. The Commission members unanimously voted to accept Robert Dunn as Chairman, Brendan McKeever as Vice President and Mary Ellen Garbarino as Secretary for the year 2023.

LOL LITTLE LEAGUE – Lights at Cross Lane Fields

Matt Reed from the LOL Little League spoke to the Commission about the need for lights at the Cross Lane Fields, beginning with the girls' softball field. The Commission agreed that the Little League should get the answers to some questions and come back to the Commission with more information. Don Bugbee will talk to the Town's insurance company on the matter.

Sara van Vliet moved to relocate agenda item (Senior Center Gate Location) to this point in the agenda. Brendan McKeever seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

Senior Center Gate Location

Jeri Baker gave an overview of the upcoming construction at the Senior Center and the reasons for a decision to move the present gate closer to Town Woods Road. Don Bugbee will be meeting with Ms. Baker, First Selectmen from Old Lyme and Lyme and most likely Stephanie Gould (Director of the Senior Center) in the near future to discuss this more fully.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Presented by Don Bugbee

Adult Volleyball

Winter sessions are in-process. Thursdays, January 5-March 16. 7-9 pm at LOLHS gym.
Currently 26 participants.

Adult Basketball

Winter sessions are in-process.
Wednesdays (and some Tuesdays), November 22-March 29. 6:45-8:45 pm at LOLHS gym.
Sundays, November 27-March 26. 10 am -12 Noon at LOLHS gym.
Currently 22 participants. Spring Sessions to be determined.

Zumba Fitness

Winter Sessions are in-process. Tuesdays, January 10-March 7.
5:45-6:45 pm at the Center School gym. Currently 10 participants.
Spring Sessions to be determined.

Yoga

Winter Sessions are in process. Wednesdays, January 11-February 15.
3:45-4:45 pm at Mile Creek School/Media Center. Spring Sessions to be determined.

Winter Youth Basketball

Winter Sessions are in-process. Saturdays, January 14-February 25.
Pre-School Group 1: 8:30-9:00 am / Group 2: 9:10-9:40 am LOLHS gym. 37 participants
Boys Age 7-11: 9:50-10:50 am at LOLHS gym. 33 participants.
Girls Age 5-7: 8:30-9:30am at LOLMS gym. 28 participants.
Boys Age 5-6 Group 1: 9:40-1040 / Group 2 1050-1150 at LOLMS gym. 42 participants.
Girls Age 8-11: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm at LOLMS gym. 18 participants.

Summer Staff

The review of last year's staff is in process to determine who will be coming back. Currently 18 have confirmed coming back, eight are not returning, six are unsure at this time, and Mr. Bugbee is waiting to hear from seven others. New applications will be accepted at this point going forward. Lifeguards seem to be in short supply once again. Mr. Bugbee is in contact with the Valley Shore YMCA to arrange a Certification Class for candidates. Updates will follow.

Parks and Rec Budget Process

The initial budget is completed and has been reviewed with the Finance Director.
Scheduled to review with Board of Finance (P&R) Representatives on February 6, at 7:30 am.
Scheduled to review with Board of Finance on Tuesday, February 14.

Parks and Rec Facilities

White Sand Beach / Cross Lane Park / Town Woods Park
Water turned off. Bathrooms are closed for the season. Areas are open for general use.

Hains Park

Water is turned off. Bathrooms are closed for the season. Docks removed from the water. Area is open for general use.

Hains Park Playground and Cross Lane Tennis/Basketball Courts

Sara van Vliet, Missy Garvin, and Don Bugbee met informally on November 16 to review current Playground/Court plans and the available budget. Mr. Bugbee met with Dave Catalano, the Playground Representative/Installer on November 30 to discuss previously received estimates. A second informal discussion will be scheduled as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Hains Park: Security Cameras

Bob Dunn reported that Tom Meyer from the Town is hoping to get cameras installed at Hains Park and the Town Hall this Spring. He is working with Comcast. More will follow, as this will be an on-going project.

Sidewalk to Boathouse / Pavilion Location

Don Bugbee presented the proposed relocation of the pavilion and installed sidewalks for Hains Park.

Ryan Lee moved to approve the proposed re-location of the originally proposed location of the pavilion at Hains Park as per the Wetlands and Water Courses Commission permit (on file at Town Hall). Brendon McKeever seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

Hains Park Playground Equipment

Sara van Vliet, Missy Garvin, and Don Bugbee will meet informally again to review plans, cost estimates and the available budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Center gate location

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

LAX Field in Valley Regional Area

It was noted that the Clinton LAX Club is folding, and the kids will be able to join The CT River LAX Club. There was no news on the availability of fields from Valley Regional. Representatives from the CT River LAX Club will be invited to the next PRC meeting.

Any other new business

There was no other new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ellen Garbarino moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM and Brendan McKeever seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for March 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Garbarino
Secretary