

OL Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
5/4/2023 – 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), Mary Ellen Garbarino, Don Bugbee (Director), Sara van Vliet, Winnie Edmed (Assistant Director)

On Phone: Ryan Lee, Missy Garvin, Tim Gavin

Absent: Brendan McKeever

Guests: John and Gail Acosta, Lenore Carol, Richie Grey and Mary Ann DeBruhen

APPROVE previous meeting minutes – April 6, 2023

Sara van Vliet moved to accept the meeting minutes of April 6, 2022, and Mary Ellen Garbarino seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Presented by Don Bugbee

a. Update on PRC programs and facilities

Program Registration

Rec-Desk Registration is required for all Parks and Rec Programs. Registration for all 2023 P&R Spring /Summer activities opened on April 3.

Adult Basketball

The Spring Sessions at LOLHS gym have started as follows:

Wednesdays April 5-May 31 6:30-8:45 pm / Sundays April 2-May 28 10 am-12 pm.

Currently there are 27 participants registered. Currently a free program/ No income.

Zumba Fitness

The Spring Sessions are scheduled for 8 weeks, Tuesdays April 18-June 6, 6:00-7:00 pm at the LOLMS cafeteria. Fee \$70/ 8 sessions \$10 Drop-in fee.

Note: The May 15 session is a Monday.

Currently there are 5 participants registered/ income \$230.00

Pilates

The Spring Sessions are scheduled for 8 weeks, April 19-June 7.

Wednesdays 3:45-4:45 pm Mile Creek School/ Media Center.
Fee \$80/ 8 sessions \$17 Drop-in fee.
Currently there are 4 participants/Income \$320.00

Women's 3v3 Basketball

This new program is scheduled to run on Thursday's, April 20-June 8 from 7-8:30 pm at LOLHS gym. The program is free for L/OL residents / \$25 fee for non-residents. Currently there are 4 participants registered/ No income. It is expected that more participation will begin when college semesters are over.

Adult Co-ed Softball

This new program is scheduled to run on sundays, May 7-June 25 from 4:00-6:30 pm at Town Woods Park. The program is free for L/OL residents / \$25 fee for non-residents.
There are currently 66 participants registered/4 teams formed/income \$275.00

Summer Daycamp

The daycamp is scheduled to run June 26-Aug 4, from 9 am-2 pm, at the LOLHS.
The camp is open to L/OL residents entering grade K-6.
Fee \$300 per child/ \$150 2nd child / \$100 for each additional child.
There are currently 258 participants registered/income \$60,550.00

After Camp Programs

These camps are scheduled to run June 26-Aug 4, from 2:00-4:00 pm, at LOLHS
Fee \$50 per child/each week. There are currently 54 participants registered for each of the 6 weeks/income \$12,300

Boys Basketball Camp

This grade 4-9 boys camp is scheduled to run June 19-23, 8:00-11:00 am at the LOLMS gym.
Fee \$130 per child. There are currently 18 participants registered/income \$2,340.00

Girls Volleyball Camp

This new camp for girls grade 4-9 is scheduled to run June 26-June 30, 8:00-11:00am at the LOLMS gym. Fee \$130 per child. There are currently 5 participants registered/income \$650.00

CAS Soccer Camps

These camps are open for boys and girls ages 3-14 and will be held at Town Woods Park July 10-14 and July 31-Aug 4. Fees and groupings are as follows:
Ages 3-4; 9-10 am/\$90 / Ages 4-6; 10:30 am-12 noon \$105 / Ages 6-14; 9 am-12 Noon \$140
Currently there are 25 participants registered/income \$3,140.00

Summer Staff

Summer Staff hiring is in-process and expected to be completed by early May. Applications are currently being accepted and returning Staff is being determined.
It is expected that there will be more than the usual 40 seasonal employees this year.
Updates will follow.

Parks and Rec Facilities

Cross Lane, Hains Park and Town Woods Park Facilities are all open and in-use on a daily basis by Lyme/Old Lyme Little League, the CT River Lacrosse Club, the Lyme/Old Lyme Soccer Club, the Old Lyme Rowing Association, and the Lyme/Old Lyme High School Rowers.

The final sweeping of the White Sand Beach parking lot and re-striping of the spaces will take place soon. WSB Water is expected to be on by May 12, bathroom clean-up and a regular schedule of opening/closing will be determined.

The Food Share Garden Group has been very active prepping and planting the Garden area at Town Woods Park.

A meeting was held at White Sand Beach on Monday April 3 to review and determine a proper location for a handicap mat to be purchased and installed at the beach. The mat will be placed on the east side of the beach and will go from the parking lot towards the water. Handicap parking spaces will be reconfigured to accommodate installation. The mat has been ordered and updates will be provided.

On behalf of the PRC members, Bob Dunn complimented both Don Bugbee and Winnie Edmed for all their hard work including the creation of a number of new programs.

OLD BUSINESS

a. LAX Fields, practices, and games

To date, there has been no response from the Region 4 Athletic Director.

Previously stated in the April 6, 2023 PRC Meeting Minutes:

An email was sent to Region 4 Administrators requesting a meeting and clarification of their policies for allowing private clubs access and use of the fields under their jurisdiction. The intent of the email is to address the long-standing situation of the CRLC inability to use field space in Region 4, which includes Essex, Deep River and Chester.

Response to the email indicated that a discussion would be arranged after the Schools Spring Break vacation. A review of the CRLC schedule provided is in process. It is apparent at this point that the CRLC has access to more field space in Old Saybrook than in previous years.

b. Docks/swim area

Don Bugbee reported that the large dock closest to the swim area was moved so as to not interfere with the swim line area. Swim lines are expected to be installed before Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Bugbee suggested that it might be to the Town's advantage to install a concrete bulkhead for each dock so that they are placed in the same exact spot each spring. He also stated that the kayak launch may have to be moved slightly once the swim lines are installed.

NEW BUSINESS

PRC Sub-committee for Town Enhancements at Hains Park – Update

The first meeting of this sub-committee will be held on May 11 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall American Legion Room, Second Floor. It was noted by Bob Dunn that after the expense for the new pavilion, there will be about \$35,000 remaining in the fund.

Any other new business

There was no other new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public had questions about the timeline for the installation of the new proposed pickle ball courts at Cross Lane Park. Don Bugbee stated that once the new fiscal budget is approved, court repairs and the transformation of a tennis court into hopefully four pickle ball courts can be scheduled and will be done all at one time. He and Winnie Edmed have already talked to contractors, and will look for final estimates asap.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ellen Garbarino moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM and Sara van Vliet seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for June 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Garbarino
Secretary