



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Parks & Recreation Commission

*Susan Esty, Chairman
Steven Pernal, Vice Chair
Jim Henderson, Secretary*

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*Star Rueckert
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Nancy Gatta
Kevin Lane*

**OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020; 6:30 PM
Meeting Held Via Web Access/Dial In

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m.
Present were: Director Ray Allen, Susan Esty, Jim Henderson, Steven Pernal, Bror Ashe, Kevin Lane & Star Rueckert
Absent: Nancy Gatta
Also present: Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk
2. **Approval of Sept. 9, 2020 Meeting** – MOTION to accept the September 9, 2020 minutes as presented made by Jim Henderson seconded by Star Rueckert and unanimously approved.
3. **Recognition of Guests** – Francisco Gomes, FitzGerald & Halliday
4. **Correspondence** – None
5. **Review of Bills** – The commission reviewed bills dated 9/2/2020 through 9/25/2020 in the amount of \$24,565.45.

New Business

- A. **Strategic Plan of Parks** – Francisco Gomes of FitzGerald & Halliday presented “Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.” There was discussion on the need for adult baseball and softball fields. Commissioners discussed the strategic plan approach: equal investment among all parks or focus one/multiple parks at a time. Town Park priorities: playground, renovate pavilion/picnic areas, bathrooms, mountain bike trails, disc golf, better signage, move tree lines, remove basketball courts, add soccer and lacrosse fields & revise parking. Saybrook Point priorities: concession area/snack shack, bathrooms, Dock & Dine property incorporation, Gardiner’s landing picnic area, river access, lighting by river walk, boardwalk/fishing pier, canoe/kayak launch & maximize parking lot. Main Street Park priorities: more pickleball courts, pool/splash pad, ice skating rink, dog park, band shell. Harvey’s Beach priorities: bathhouse renovation, concert deck, playground, better entrance & attendant stand, wifi access, engineered beach & boardwalk.

6. **Public Comments-** None

7. **Old Business**

- A. **All Parks Review** – Ray Allen stated mini golf is now closed, parks are busy and soccer season is ongoing. Irrigation, water and electric shut off at end of the month. All parks are green.

- B. **Preserve Update** – Susan Esty reported damaged trees have been removed and the State is working on ATV usage and phantom bike trails. Invasive species have been cut back. Ray Allen reported Ingham Hill parking will start soon and work on the turnaround has begun.

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C. **Any Other Business Regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel** – None

8. New Business

A. **Strategic Plan of Parks** – See above.

B. **Final Summer 2020 Numbers**- Mini golf is slightly down, but not a bad year.

Total 2020 deposit to general fund is \$262,797 includes revenue from mini golf, Harvey's beach, beach passes and concession.

C. **Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel**- None

9. Reports

A. **Chairman's Report** – Attended two stakeholders meetings for the strategic plan.

B. **Director's Report** – None

C. **Liaison Reports** – None

MOTION to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. made by Jim Henderson seconded by Susan Esty and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Antolino, Recording Clerk

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2020