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| 8 |  TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK **Parks & Recreation Commission** | *Susan Esty, Chairman**Kevin Lane, Vice Chair**Star Rueckert, Secretary* |
|   **www.oldsaybrookct.gov** | *Jim Henderson**Tom Boland**Nancy Gatta**Steven Pernal* |

# OLD SAYBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

# REGULAR MEETING

# Wednesday, April 10th, 2019

**6:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Susan Esty called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Present were:** Director Ray Allen, Chair Susan Esty, Jim Henderson, Star Rueckert and Steve Pernal

**Absent:** Tom Boland, Kevin Lane and Nancy Gatta

**Also present:** Assistant Director Jonathan Paradis and Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk

1. **Approval of March 13th, 2019 Meeting** – a motion was made by Jim Henderson

and seconded by Steve Pernal to accept and approve the minutes as amended of the March 13, 2019 meeting.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Recognition of Guests** – Rob Lemire (see New Business A.)
2. **Correspondence** – nothing new received
3. **Review of Bills** – The Commission reviewed bills #397 through #430 dated April

10, 2019 in the amount of $9,120.17.

**6**. **Public Comments** – no one present

 **7. Old Business**

1. **All Parks Review** – Director Ray Allen reported that there has been a really good early spring and all baseball fields are all set; spring “sport wise” fields are all set, electricity and water has been turned on. Freddi Lacastro has done a lot of work already in the parks.
2. **Preserve Update** – Chair Susan Esty reported that the group got the GEI recommendations of the Preserve. Eversource is done with their work. They are in the process of drafting a work/job description for a personnel position for the Preserve.
3. **Strategic plan of Parks Update** – Kevin Lane had sent out a new version of the plan. Tonight the Commission needed to decide which four parks should they be reviewing? (Task #3) The plan also included the price proposal of $55,000 for any four. Trask, Harvey’s Beach, Town Park and Main Street Park were the four suggested that have the most community use currently. The suggestion was that each member email Kevin their input.
4. **Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel** –

Asst Director Jona Paradis brought up the discussion regarding the playscape grant due to the time frame of the grant. It was stated that the plans for a project need to be complete before applying for grants.

 **8. New Business**

 **A. Frisbee Golf Layout, Rob Lemire** presented an 18-hole plan proposal at

 Town Park

 **B. Harvey’s Beach Food Vendor discussion** – John Annello is still looking for

a 5-year commitment. The Commission was not in favor and wants to keep it on an annual basis.

 **B. Any other Business regarding Programs, Facilities or Personnel** –

First Selectman Carl Fortuna emailed Director Ray Allen regarding an ice-skating rink on the Town Green

Asst Director Jona Paradis reported that they started taking over summer stock. Easter Egg Hunt co-hosted with the Old Saybrook Lion’s Club is this Saturday. Summer programs have been filing up. They are starting to go all electronic with the programs. Rock Hunt is on the 19th for 4th thru 6th graders and the Fishing Derby is on the 27th. Pickleball programs are going well.

 **9. Reports**

1. Chairman’s Report – very busy this month. Inland, Wetland Commission concerning the turnaround at the end of Ingham Hill Road. The Historical Society is coming out with a Pequot War pamphlet. Went to Harbor Management to pursue a kayak park/rack. They discussed putting a rack at the end of Sheffield Street and charge a $20 fee for the season. Went to Economic Develop Commission re: Dock & Dine land cleanup; and what we can do together to get travel thru the property safely. Also still looking to change the traffic pattern on the in and out of the parking lot at the point.
2. Director’s Report – Staffing is about 80% filled up for the season.
3. Liaison Reports – no one able to attend meetings during the day due to working

**\*\*NEXT MEETING MAY 8, 2019 – Parks & Recreation Center\*\***

**\*\*\* 6:30 PM \*\*\***

# Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Tiezzi, Recording Clerk