



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – Final Minutes

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:00 PM

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center**

Ledyard Parks & Rec Department

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Commissioner Jessica Cobb
Commissioner Thomas Olsen
Commissioner Loretta Kent
Chair Kenneth J. DiRico

Excused Commissioner Shaileen C. English
Commissioner Meredith Robinson

Also in attendance:
Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson
Gary Paul, Town Council Liason
Patrick LaJoie
Laura & Frank Rowe, Ledyard Lions
Alessandra Consolini

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. REPORTS

1. August Directors Report

Motion to accept the Director's Report.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Jessica Cobb

AYE 5 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent DiRico

EXCUSED 2 English Robinson

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Motion to approve July 24, 2022 Minutes**

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 4 Finegan Olsen Kent DiRico

EXCUSED 2 English Robinson

ABSTAIN 1 Cobb

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Boy Scout Skate Park Project Proposal**

Boy Scouts not represented.

RESULT: CONTINUE

2. Boy Scout Bat House Project Proposal

Boy Scouts not represented.

RESULT: CONTINUE

XI. NEW BUSINESS**1. Discussion on possibly dedicating GFCC basketball court.**

GFCC Basketball Court: Request to hang a memorial plaque at the GFCC basketball court in memory of Noah Adam Hayes.

Motion to approve the hanging of a memorial plaque at the Gales Ferry Basketball Court to Norah Adam Hayes pending approval by the Gales Ferry District.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent

SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 5 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent DiRico

EXCUSED 2 English Robinson

2. Discussion and possible motion on location/installation of Boy Scout donated bench.

Boy Scouts not represented.

Motion to place the Boy Scout bench at Blunders Park.

3. Discussion and possible motion on location/installation of Lions donated bench.

Laura & Frank Rowe presented proposal to donate (from the Ledyard Lions) and install a bench dedicated to the Ledyard Lions. Preferred location is at Erickson Park.

Motion to approve the donated bench to be installed at Erickson Park.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Thomas Olsen

SECONDER: Jessica Cobb

AYE 5 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent DiRico

EXCUSED 2 English Robinson

4. Little League Press Box project

Little League Press Box: Patrick Lajoie presented. Installation of the Little League Press Box at the middle school had been previously approved (a number of years ago) by the Board of Education, and Patrick is now moving forward with the project. The project is to be fully funded by Little League. The press box is required for Ledyard to be able to host certain events.

Motion to approve the construction of a press box by Little League at Field 13.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Thomas Olsen

SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 5 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent DiRico

EXCUSED 2 English Robinson

5. Little League Infield Projects at Aljen Heights and Christy Hill

Patrick Lajoie brought forth Little League projects at Aljen Heights that had been planned prior to COVID, and were unable to be completed due to COVID and funding. Little League is now planning to move forward with those projects, including the addition of 2 infields, which would increase maintenance costs for Parks & Recreation. Discussed tabled until next month, and Scott will research impact.

RESULT: CONTINUE

6. Proposal to return the dual-use baseball/softball field at Blunders Park back into a baseball only

field.

Our turf management vendor would need to approve and be involved, per contract. Scott will check on the contract limitations and impact on costs, and Patrick will follow-up with Scott.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Cobb

at 8:03 p.m.
and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman DiRico
Parks & Recreation Commission