



Chairman
Kenneth DiRico

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

Parks & Recreation Commission

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

7:00 PM

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

IV. MEMBER COMMENTS

V. REPORTS

1. Directors Report September 2022

Attachments: [Sept 2022 Directors Report](#)

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022

Attachments: [Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes 8-16-2022 Final](#)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Boy Scout Skate Park Project Proposal
2. Little League Infield Projects at Aljen Heights and Christy Hill
3. Proposal to return the dual-use baseball/softball field at Blonders Park back into a baseball only field.
4. Boy Scout Bat House Project Proposal

Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding possible Boy Scout donated bench.

Any New Business proper to come before the Committee

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Town.



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File #: 22-488

Agenda Date: 9/20/2022

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REPORT

Staff/Committee Report:
Directors Report September 2022



LEDYARD PARKS AND RECREATION

Scott Johnson Jr
Director

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Monika Verebelyi
Assistant Director



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION *Director's Report September 2022*

Please note this update for your review.

1. **Commission Meeting:**

The regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the Ledyard Senior Center. Please contact the office immediately if you will not be able to attend.

2. **Fields:**

All fields have been overseeded, dethatched, and fertilized. With the recent rain we are seeing the fields bounce back nicely from the drought we have been in.

3. **Erickson Park:**

The walking path has been sprayed with weed killer, next step is to till and possibly bring in stone dust to top off the path. The recent rain washed out the boat launch. Russell recommended talking to Joe at PW to see if he might be able to create a swale that would direct the water runoff to the side of the boat launch preventing a loss of material.

4. **Christy Hill:**

The parking lot lights have been installed. Everything is installed and we are just waiting for Eversource to make the connection.

5. **Irrigation Issues:**

With the recent drought we have identified 2 irrigation issues.

- **Judge Crandall:** Irrigation heads are too low. Water is hitting the grass blades and water is not covering the intended area. This is evident by little green circles surrounded by grass that went dormant during the drought. Working on getting the irrigation company out to look and give an estimate.
- **Depta Field:** We have noticed 2 corners of the field are not getting enough water when there is a slight wind. Mike just spread the remainder of the topsoil and those heads are scheduled to be raised and replaced. To resolve this issue, we will extend those 2 zones adding another head to each corner that would spray back into the field. This will create an overlap ensuring those corners are watered.

6. **New Preschool Playscape:**

The new playscape for the Donahue property is currently at a freight company in Plainfield. Currently coordinating the offloading and installation of the equipment. Installation could start as early as next week! Following the equipment installation, the safety surfacing will be installed.

7. **Playscapes:**

We have started a massive playground overhaul. I have started performing audits on our playscapes to identify everything needed to bring our playscapes into compliance.

- I have started marking out the use proper use zones.
- With the use zones marked out Russel can then put the playground borders in the correct location. In addition, he is replacing rotten sections with new lumber.
- The next step after the borders are corrected is to bring in new wood fiber. Currently getting quotes with hopes of starting to get material to the playscapes as early as next week.

8. **Aljen Playscape Vandalism:**

We had some vandalism at the Aljen playscape. It appears someone tried to cut a section of the slide out with an electric saw. Working on pricing for a replacement slide so the police report can be filed and an insurance claim submitted. Unfortunately, it is one of the older playscapes and the slide ID tag is no longer there. Pictures have been sent to the playground rep who is trying to identify the slide so we can get an estimate for a replacement.

9. **Gales Ferry Community Center Ramp:**

The ramp behind the community center is in bad shape. Russell is going to screw some of the decking back down, so it is usable. However, this is only a temporary fix, and it should be replaced. Possible CIP project for FY23-24.

10. **Parks & Rec Truck:**

Still waiting on pricing under the state contract. Have been told we should have pricing October 18th. Purchasing a truck outside the state contract will cost us an additional \$20-30,000.

11. **Ledyard Transition Academy:**

Meet with the Ledyard Transition Academy regarding possible work. We discussed park maintenance and more specifically spreading of the playground wood chips. This is not only a great opportunity for the kids but also a tremendous help to the department.



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MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – Final Minutes

12 Van Tassel Drive
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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 Blonders 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 Blonders 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



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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Boy Scout Skate Park Project Proposal

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Little League Infield Projects at Aljen Heights and Christy Hill

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

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

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Boy Scout Bat House Project Proposal

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding possible Boy Scout donated bench.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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