



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes - Final

12 Van Tassel Drive  
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman  
Kenneth DiRico

#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens  
Center

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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  
Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico

**Excused** Commissioner Shaileen C. English

Also in attendance:

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson  
Gary Paul, Town Council Liaison  
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
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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**

Mr. Olsen moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Cobb

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

VOTE: 5 -0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

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Chairman DiRico  
Parks & Recreation Commission

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