**Old Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

**Present:** Bob Dunn (Chairman), Don Bugbee (Director), John Flower, (Vice-Chairman),

Mary Ellen Garbarino, Missy Garvin, Tim Gavin, Nigel Logan, Glynn McAraw

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Lisa Reneson (OL Rowing Association), Erica Zapatka (resident)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Bob Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 7, 2017**

Missy Garvin moved to accept the minutes of Regular Meeting December 7, 2017 and Glynn McAraw seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

**3. Selection of Officers**Glynn McAraw moved to retain the current slate of officers: Bob Dunn (Chairman) and John Flower (Vice-Chairman). Tim Gavin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**Mary Ellen Garbarino will notify the Town Clerk of the election results.

**4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Don Bugbee
PROGRAMS**

**Youth Basketball**Youth Basketball wraps up this Saturday, March 3.

**Yoga**

Yoga sessions will run through the middle of May 2018.

**Adult Basketball**

Wednesday night basketball will run through June 6, 2018.

Sunday Basketball will run through April 1, 2018.

**Body Back Fitness Classes**

Sessions will run through May 15.

Don reported that he is presently working on hiring the Summer Staff.

Summer programs are being put together and tentatively the Summer Camp will run from June 25 through August 3. UK Soccer Camp will be August 13-17 and Basketball, Tennis and some new programs will be announced soon. Don will be attending the LYSB Camp Fair on March 28.

All facilities are closed and he has spoken with Dan Jones regarding TWP and all is set. He met with Jamie Childs (CT River Lacrosse Club) and he supplied their certificate of insurance. There was a discussion of a new Lacrosse Group who are breaking off from the CT River Lacrosse Club. He spoke with their representative and was provided a certificate of insurance. Don has met with Paul Field (President of LOL Soccer Club), and will meet with Matt Reed (President of Little League) regarding their upcoming season and needs. Don has been in contact with Candace Fuchs (President of the Rowing Association) and he met with Hildie Heck (Athletic Director) at the high school about rowing.

There was a discussion about the rowing times at the lake with special concern about how late in the day groups are allowed to row on the lake. Respect must be given to the residents that live lakefront and other people who want to power boat on the lake. The Superintendent of schools had stated that all rowers will be off the water by 6:00 PM. It is the other rowing groups that we will need to approach and clarify. There was a discussion.

**5. OLD BUSINESS
a. Boathouse Update**Don Bugbee reported that Old Lyme Public Works has been working on the drainage issues.

**b. Hains Park Improvements, PRC Committee, Dam Project Sign**Bod Dunn reported that there is no budget as of yet for the Bathroom Project so no meeting has been held. The Dam Project Signage was discussed and nothing can be done about this until the planning is done for the improvement project.

 **c. Cross Lane Playground update, funding, location, etc.**

Missy Garvin reported that the playground is done and their group is very pleased with the results. Mulch and fencing will be placed in the near future. There will be a Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, April 26 from 4-6 PM. All are invited. Don Bugbee will check with Nicole Stajduhar (Finance Director) about the status of insurance for the playground.

**6. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**Lisa Reneson (OL Rowing Association – Lyme Parent Representative) commented that we had answered most of her questions in our meeting and thanked members of the Commission. She asked if the entryway to the Park would be widened and Bob Dunn commented that this was in the plan. Commission members discussed the need for a new well at the property and for the time being people using water at the boathouse should be cautious. Lisa will bring this information back to the Rowing Association.

Erica Zapatka thanked the Commission and Don Bugbee for providing the Summer Day Camp for the youth in Town and for keeping the cost of camp so very affordable. She expressed concern about how the camp could better meet the needs of kids that needed more structure. She suggested that perhaps some parent volunteers could support the counselors in ways to provide structure to kids with challenges. Don is very aware of this, and the goal of the camp is to be low-key, but more and more kids that attend the camp are not interested in participating in things that are offered, i.e. they want to be on their tablets instead, and it is hard to engage them. Kids are told that electronic devices are not to be used at camp, but they are bringing them with them, and it has become an issue. There was a discussion and Don and Erica will speak in the near future and he welcomed her feedback.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Glynn McAraw moved, and Mary Ellen Garbarino seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

**SO VOTED.**

**The next meeting of this Commission will be on April 5, at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Garbarino

Secretary