

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**APRIL 9, 2012**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Long Hill Conference Room  
Town Hall**

Call to order

Public Comments

Sports Groups

Cheetah Cricket Club

UnitedHealthCare Representative

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence

Cheetah Cricket Club

UnitedHealthCare Walk Request

Old Business

Parks Monitoring Discussion

New Business

Eagle Project Discussion – Reconstruction of historic fountain at Parlor Rock

Discussion – Update and review of Park Development Plan – Dated 1978

Budget Review

Park Assignments/Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

Recreation Director's Report

Any other business which might rightly come before this Commission

Adjournment

**PLEASE CONTACT CLERK AT (203) 261-0129 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Cheetah Cricket Club  
Robby Barhpaga (Captain)  
C/- 460 Edison Road  
Trumbull, CT 06611

Mary Markham                      &  
Recreation Director  
Town Hall Annex  
Judge Aram Tellalian Building  
5892 Main Street  
Trumbull, CT 06611

Dmitri Paris  
Superintendent of Parks  
366 Church Hill Road  
Trumbull, CT 06611

Re: Field Use Application

Dear Mary & Dmitri,

You may recall our discussions this time last year regarding securing a home ground for our local Trumbull cricket team.

At that time, Town regulations were being reviewed and once finally settled, Mary mailed me a copy of the required application form which is completed and attached to this submission.

Mary, you graciously offered us a ground last year on Madison Avenue which pending Dmitri's input, we are hoping to take advantage of this season.

Just to give you some background, The Cheetah Cricket Club is 100% privately funded not-for-profit organization which operates solely for the purpose of team management within the governing body. The team comprises of local Trumbull residents. The Cheetah Cricket Club is a member of the Southern Connecticut Cricket Association (SCtCa) which, in turn, is a member of the United States of America Cricket Association (USACA).

Interest in cricket has grown rapidly in our region and we are seeing evidence of this with many league teams playing in several towns within Fairfield County, such as Greenwich, Stamford, Fairfield and Norwalk. This is also occurring in neighboring towns such as Milford and Stratford due to the burgeoning numbers of cricket enthusiasts in this area.

Ability to host matches locally, would allow us to establish this wonderful sport in our community, introduce it to local youth and promote community spirit-as has been done in other Towns.

Just to familiarize you again with the game of cricket, it is actually fairly comparable to baseball.

Known as the “Gentleman’s game”, cricket originated in Britain and is a bat-and-ball sport contested by two teams, of eleven players, during the summer months.

A cricket match is played on a grass field, roughly oval in shape, in the center of which, is a rectangular flat strip of ground 22 yards long, called a cricket *pitch* (similar to the infield on a baseball ground). The dirt pitch is flush to the ground, completely blends in, and does not hinder other uses for the field. Nor is the pitch hazardous, as players run up and down on it, and propel themselves onto it multiple of times during the course of a game. It is essentially a hardened patch of dirt!

A ‘*wicket*’, usually made of wood, is placed at each end of the pitch.

One team ‘*bats*’, trying to score as many ‘*runs*’ (points) as possible while the other team ‘*bowls*’ (pitches) and ‘*fields*’ trying to dismiss the batsmen and thus limit the runs scored by the batting team.

Cricket is the second most popular sport in the world after soccer. It is played in every part of the English-speaking world, such as England, Australia, New Zealand and the USA and in several non-English-speaking countries too.

There is a cricket ‘World Cup’ that is held every 4 years- the first being held in England in 1975. The last world cup held in 2011, comprised of 14 international teams. Australia is the team with the most wins in World Cup history.

Cricket also has a long and distinguished history in the United States. Among early Americans, cricket was as popular a bat and ball game as baseball. The United States of American Cricket Association (USACA) was admitted as an associate member of the International Cricket Conference in 1965.

With all that history and popularity, it is easy to see why cricket is constantly gaining in popularity, just as soccer has.

Presently, several informal cricketing clubs, composed primarily of working professionals, exist in Trumbull and the surrounding areas. Teams wanting to engage in a formal game of cricket currently have to travel to other towns such as Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk or New Haven, which are towns that have dedicated public cricketing facilities.

It is worth pointing out that here, that there are also several grounds around Connecticut that are serving the **dual purpose** of either:

- Baseball & cricket;
- Softball & cricket, and even
- Soccer & cricket!

Many of these pitches have existed for around for 5-10 years. We have attached Google ariel shots if these grounds that co-host cricket matches, for your perusal.

Trumbull will benefit from a local cricket facility. It will attract business in the form of organized cricket matches with teams from other parts of southern CT.

A cricketing facility will also render Trumbull a more attractive destination for those who are considering moving here.

As the current Captain of the Cheetah Cricket Club, Trumbull resident *and* local Business owner , I am kindly requesting that our team have an available home ground in the form of **any** Trumbull field that is about 110 yards by 130 yards, or larger on which to play this exciting sport.

Additionally, I can assure you that our club would adhere to all Trumbull rules and regulations regarding the ground and its up-keep, and continue to maintain the best possible code of conduct for the team and spectators.

Please see attached our current insurance certificate.

Our club would also be happy to involve ourselves in community services where needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Robby Barhpage

Captain, Cheetah Cricket Club

Additional reference material available at:

**[www.dreamcricket.com/sctca](http://www.dreamcricket.com/sctca)**

**[www.usaca.org](http://www.usaca.org)**

**[www.wikipedia.org/Cricket](http://www.wikipedia.org/Cricket)**

Attachments:

Completed 'Use of Field' form

Cheetah Cricket Club's current insurance

Ariel shots of four dual purpose grounds in Connecticut

Tentative summer schedule

**From:** Jared Platt [mailto:jaredplatt99@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:03 PM  
**To:** firstselectman@trumbull-ct.gov  
**Cc:** sdlecount@yahoo.com; dparis@trumbull-ct.gov; kmartin@trumbull-ct.gov  
**Subject:** Trumbull Fountain Pool at Parlor Rock - From Jared Platt

Dear Mr. Herbst:

It was nice meeting you at the Pop Warner Banquet today. After talking, you asked me to send you an email about the fountain pool I found in the woods on the Parlor Rock Trails. I am in 7th grade at Madison Middle School and my family and I moved to Trumbull near Parlor Rock two years ago and I have been walking the woods almost every day. Last year I found "The Fountain pool". When I talked to different people, they told me that the area used to be an amusement park back in the late 1800's, which I thought was totally cool. I began to research and found that the fountain greeted the visitors as they came to the park. Over the past year, every time I go to see the fountain the brick and the walls of the fountain are being vandalized. I attached the pictures to this email so you can see the damage that is being done.

Below is a copy from the TrumbullHistory.org website of what the fountain used to look like.

**"As visitors to the park climbed the steps to the croquet grounds, they were greeted by a [water fountain](#). This fountain had a large iron bird in the center with a long neck where water flowed from its beak back into the fountain. The fountain was made of bricks and concrete 6 ft in diameter and 2 feet high. Reports have varied of the bird being a swan, stork or crane with a long neck. The brick basin still remains today. No photographs exist of this fountain."**

I think this fountain is a part of Trumbull's History and I was hoping that the town could protect the fountain. I was also thinking it would be great for the people of Trumbull to have the fountain resorted. The area can be cleaned along the trails where the fountain is and grass can be planted and some benches can be put in. Also it can attract runners or bikers who come every day on the trails, because they can just sit down and relax next to the fountain.

I know this is a lot to ask, but I think it would be good for our town. I would be happy to help with any fundraising that would be needed.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Jared Platt



- Park and Rec, trail use request

3/21/12

To Ken.Martin@raveis.com, dparis@trumbull-ct.gov, joanatparks@hotmail.com, Branning, Byron

From: **Odendahl, William J** (william\_j\_odendahl@uhc.com)

Sent: Wed 3/21/12 9:40 AM

To: Ken.Martin@raveis.com; dparis@trumbull-ct.gov; joanatparks@hotmail.com

Cc: Branning, Byron (byron\_d\_branning@uhc.com)

I received the minutes of the meeting, with a vote to Deny the original request. Given the feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission, I would like to submit another proposal for the next meeting. The new proposal would be:

1. For a one time walk. Not a race or a run, participants will only walk.
2. Only Employees for UnitedHealthCare at the 48 Monroe Turnpike location would be involved.
3. Parking would be at our building, and people involved with the walk would walk down the hill, on the grass, to Old mine Park, as part of the walk.
4. The walk would start between 4 and 5 PM and end at 6:30 PM.
5. We will stop before Whitney Ave. I will have people there making sure that no one goes across that road.
6. I would be the director, and would have a car at Old Mine Park, with water and first aid supplies. There may be other people helping to organize, and they would also park at Old Mine Park. None of the walkers will be allowed to park there.
7. We would charge participants \$10, to pay for water. The left over money would be donated to a charitable organization.
8. The walk would take place sometime in the August or September time frame.

I would hope that we could get 200-300 people from the building to walk during this time. Not everyone would start at the same time. Would we still need the Park Rangers and Insurance? If so, how much would we have to pay for each of these? One of the people on the commission said that they had organized races, so if I can get some more information from them, that would be very helpful.

Thank you!

Bill Odendahl 815 White Plains Road Trumbull, CT 06611