

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
AUGUST 11, 2014  
7:00 P.M.  
Town Hall Conference Room**

Call to order

Public Comments

    Sports Groups

        Trumbull Pop Warner

        Christian Heritage Kingsmen

        Trumbull Youth Lacrosse

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence

    Joan Rosenbaum, Pond View Park Geese

Old Business

New Business

Budget Review

Park Assignments/Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

Recreation Director's Report

Any other business which might rightly come before this Commission

Adjournment

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND,**

**PLEASE CONTACT CLERK AT (203) 261-0129**

July 29, 2014

Christian Heritage School would like to request use of the following athletic facilities for the Fall of 2014, I added a key at the end as I know there will be increased requests this fall, hope it helps:

**Indian Ledge Soccer Field:**

Date	Day	Fields
8/18-22	M-F	8-9:30 and 3-5:30
8/25-26	M-T	8-9:30am and 3-5pm
8/27	Wed	3-5:30pm
8/28	Thursday	3-5:30pm
8/29	Friday	3-5pm
8/30	Saturday	Off
8/31	Sunday	Off
1-Sep	Monday	Off
2-Sep	Tuesday	3-5pm
3-Sep	Wednesday	3-5pm
4-Sep	Thursday	Off
5-Sep	Friday	Off
6-Sep	Saturday	Off
7-Sep	Sunday	Off
8-Sep	Monday	3-5:30
9-Sep	Tuesday	3-5:30
10-Sep	Wednesday	Game3-6:15
11-Sep	Thursday	3-5:30
12-Sep	Friday	3-6:15pm
13-Sep	Saturday	Off
14-Sep	Sunday	Off
15-Sep	Monday	3-5:30
16-Sep	Tuesday	3-5:30
17-Sep	Wednesday	Game3-6:15
18-Sep	Thursday	3-5:30
19-Sep	Friday	Game3-6:15 2 fields
20-Sep	Saturday	Off
21-Sep	Sunday	Off
22-Sep	Monday	Game 4:30-7:15pm
23-Sep	Tuesday	Game3-6:15
24-Sep	Wednesday	Game3-6:15
25-Sep	Thursday	Game 3-5:30
26-Sep	Friday	2:30-10pm
27-Sep	Saturday	Off
28-Sep	Sunday	Off
29-Sep	Monday	3-5:30
30-Sep	Tuesday	3-5:30
1-Oct	Wednesday	Game3-6:15
2-Oct	Thursday	Game3-6:15
3-Oct	Friday	Off
4-Oct	Saturday	Off
5-Oct	Sunday	Off
6-Oct	Monday	Game4-7:15

7-Oct	Tuesday	3-5:30pm
8-Oct	Wednesday	Game 3-6pm
9-Oct	Thursday	Game 3-6pm
10-Oct	Friday	3-5:30pm
11-Oct	Saturday	Off
12-Oct	Sunday	Off
13-Oct	Monday	Off
14-Oct	Tuesday	3-5:30pm
15-Oct	Wednesday	Game 3-6:15
16-Oct	Thursday	3-5:30pm
17-Oct	Friday	3-5:30pm
18-Oct	Saturday	Game 1:30-4:15--2 fields
19-Oct	Sunday	Off
20-Oct	Monday	3-5:30pm
21-Oct	Tuesday	3-5:30
22-Oct	Wednesday	Game 3-6:15
23-Oct	Thursday	Game 3-6:15
24-Oct	Friday	3-5:30pm
25-Oct	Saturday	Off
26-Oct	Sunday	Off
27-Oct	Monday	Game 3-6:30
28-Oct	Tuesday	3-5:30pm
29-Oct	Wednesday	Game 3-6:15pm
30-Oct	Thursday	3-5pm
31-Oct	Friday	3-5pm
1-Nov	Saturday	8-10am
2-Nov	Sunday	Off
3-Nov	Monday	Game 3-6:15
4-Nov	Tuesday	3-5pm
5-Nov	Wednesday	Game 3-6:15
6-Nov	Thursday	3-5pm
7-Nov	Friday	3-5pm
8-Nov	Saturday	Game 2-5pm
9-Nov	Sunday	Off
10-Nov	Monday	3-5
11-Nov	Tuesday	3-5
12-Nov	Wednesday	Game 3-6:15
13-Nov	Thursday	3-5
14-Nov	Friday	3-5
15-Nov		Game 3-6:15

Also, we do have the gym reserved for the Trumbull Recreation Basketball every Thursday evening.

As always, we are greatly appreciative of your continued support of our athletic programs.

Sincerely,

John O. Egan III  
Director of Athletics

**From:** [Joan P.](#)  
**To:** [patricia@zablocky.com](mailto:patricia@zablocky.com)  
**Subject:** FW: P&R Meeting August 11th  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 6, 2014 2:29:28 PM

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> From: president@tylacrosse.org  
> Subject: P&R Meeting August 11th  
> Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2014 14:12:19 -0400  
> To: joanatparks@hotmail.com  
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> Joan,  
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> Can you please add TYL to the agenda for the August P&R meeting.  
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> Thank you,  
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> Ted  
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> Ted Chase  
> President  
> Trumbull Youth Lacrosse  
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Office of the First Selectman

Members of the Park Commission

Trumbull, Ct.

July 2014

The Saga continues – “They are protected and I am not.”

Please consider the beginning of this message to be the letter dated August 8, 2008. It is important to start there. The response from the town is in your records and came in late October of that year from the Park Commission. Additional follow up from the Administration included an informal conversation with several neighbors, the 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman and the Park Superintendent. The subsequent plan was to construct a temporary fence on the pond- side of Pondview as well as the “goose fence” that I described in my earlier letter. The Town fence was intended to keep the geese from fouling the street and continuing on to the properties on the other side, including mine.

There was some success as I described in the earlier letter, however, I was and still am always on alert. The town fence was removed following bad winters and I took mine down also after the devastating snows. The problem continues and has had a very negative effect this season on my lawn and on my well being.

Every year I watch for mating geese. This year I had two geese, at different times, fly and land on the top of my chimney. That was frightening and noisy as other geese followed bellowing “instructions,” attempting to get the goose down. It was then that I realized that there was trouble ahead. Currently, one dozen large, aggressive geese are arriving for breakfast on my lawn at 6:15 a.m. Of course I chase them – but they return again and again during the day and often until dark, leaving a mess in their wake.

I have exhausted all ideas and am reluctant to erect the fence again. It is not attractive and it is expensive. It also makes it difficult to keep the lawn at its best. Gunther Park Pond was a gem, a beautiful addition to the area. Now it is rarely visited .

Perhaps the town will consider responding to this resident’s plea. The geese are indeed the protected ones -- how believable is that?

Sincerely,

*Joan Rosenbaum*

*55 Pondview Ave  
Trumbull Ct 06611  
(203) 261-0655*

Office of the 1st Selectman

Members of the Park Commission

Trumbull, Ct.

August 8, 2008

The "goose problem" is not a new one. Many of our loveliest areas have been spoiled, and it is always hugely disappointing when you are forced to close local facilities because of the mess. There has been discussion about the golf course, the swimming areas, and other municipally maintained spots including small parks connected to water. I live across the street from the attractive Gunther Park Pond on Pondview Avenue. For years Dr. Rosenbaum and I watched ice skating and hockey in the winter, and families at play in the spring, summer and fall. Our children participated with the entire neighborhood. All that ceased with the onslaught of the geese. In the past we could frighten them for short periods with noise making and chasing. This year was impossible. These waterfowl decided that I was an extension of their park and so the street in front of the park and my home were covered with droppings. My lawn was occupied at 6:00 a.m. and at almost any other time during the day.

I am writing to you because I am not a golf course and I am not a town owned property. I am a private citizen who was invaded. I needed assistance from the authorities in Trumbull where I have lived since 1961. Dmitri at the Park Commission Office provided a very lengthy, knowledgeable and sympathetic conversation. Heather at the Health Department agreed that the Center for Disease Control has linked goose droppings to the spread of disease and bacterial infection. I talked to the Animal Control Officer and finally to my neighbor Joan Plouffe at Town Hall.

There were suggestions. I could buy a motion activated scarecrow, or a sprinkler whose splash and noise would be discouraging. There are offensive repellents that can be sprayed periodically. There was even conversation about my purchasing a pair of swans, the latter being reluctant to nest where geese hang out. (Governor's Ridge). There are no guarantees. In my anguish and frustration, I bought two coyote silhouettes. They did not frighten the geese, but they did shock some youngsters and cause great levity on the street. Finally I called Bob Hansen, whose landscaping business has taken care of our lawn and shrubs for many years. Bob and his siblings grew up in Trumbull; they were very aware of the problem. I gave them carte blanche to do whatever they could to solve it.

I invite you all to visit.

There is now a 6-level "goose fence" made of monofilament fishing line surrounding the front of my property, with stakes 15 feet apart and colored ribbons tied on the top line for people and the geese to see. My late husband would not have been pleased with this intrusion onto his beautiful lawn. It was not inexpensive. However, the geese have been deterred and have not been seen on this side of the road for almost one month. The street is now relatively clean.

Who knows how long this will last? Perhaps others in town whose properties have been destroyed and whose driveways have been littered will be interested in this review.

Sincerely,

Joan Rosenbaum

55 Pondview Ave  
(203) 261-0655

Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2014 06:34:45 -0700

From: [johnstonbullylove@yahoo.com](mailto:johnstonbullylove@yahoo.com)

Subject: Please add to agenda.

To: [joanatparks@hotmail.com](mailto:joanatparks@hotmail.com)

Hi Joan, my name is Beth Johnston. I just spoke to Mary Markum regarding an issue with the Trumbull pop Warner field at Madison Middle School. We are looking into getting some temporary lights put in for the months of September and October, to be used from 6-8 PM, Monday through Friday. These light would be used for practice purposes only.

Mary recommended that I contact you in order to get added to the agenda for the meeting on August 11. I would really appreciate it if you could do so. Please let me know if you are able to do so.

Thank you much.

Beth Johnston  
203.981.9099