

AGENDA  
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 10, 2021  
7:00 p.m., via Zoom

To join the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96827134438?pwd=NOFVNHFhamZtN0tkdkZURTJod1lxQT09>

Webinar ID: 968 2713 4438

Password: 949033

Join by telephone: (929) 205-6099 or (877) 853-5257 (Toll Free) / Webinar ID: 968 2713 4438

Call to Order

Public Comment

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence

Old Business

- Prohibition of Tobacco Products and Devices in Town Parks

New Business

Park Assignments/Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

Division Reports

- Park Rangers
- Recreation

Any other business that may rightly come before this Commission

Adjournment

## Laura Shiel

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**From:** Kevin Bellows <kbellows@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 2:10 PM  
**To:** Laura Shiel; parisd@trumbull-ct.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: living (and playing) in color

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**From:** thomashmatthews@aol.com <thomashmatthews@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 2:00 PM  
**To:** kbellows@msn.com <kbellows@msn.com>; mike@toefix.net <mike@toefix.net>; billbrown1775@sbcglobal.net <billbrown1775@sbcglobal.net>; halligan96@gmail.com <halligan96@gmail.com>; martink@raveisre.com <martink@raveisre.com>; ear6253@yahoo.com <ear6253@yahoo.com>; walshn@stlukesct.org <walshn@stlukesct.org>  
**Subject:** living (and playing) in color

Good afternoon.

On a recent morning run through Beach Memorial Park, I couldn't help but notice the drab colors of the buildings and wonder, "Can't we do better?"

For a recreation space assigned to be a source of joyful play and warm memories, the dull brown color of the buildings doesn't exactly shout "Fun happens here." If the intention was to blend the buildings into the natural setting, I appreciate the thinking. Still, with so many talented artists in our schools - teachers and students - it seems there's an opportunity to add a stronger sense color, energy and happiness to this park.

I'm sure it wouldn't take long to solicit creative and uplifting ideas for artwork and design that could be added to these buildings. Whether it be a theme of water, nature or sport, I can already see vibrant colors and perhaps even characters on the brick and concrete walls of these buildings. I don't know if there are plans to make more significant upgrades to Beach Memorial Park in the future - it's a gem that should be well attended to - but for now, splashes of new color would certainly improve the look and feel of the park.

We need inspiring outdoor spaces more than ever for our children and families. I urge to consider a makeover for the Beach Memorial Park buildings.

Sincerely,

-Tom Matthews  
2050 Huntington Turnpike  
Trumbull, CT  
203.517.5435

## Laura Shiel

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**From:** Kevin Bellows <kbellows@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:19 AM  
**To:** Robert Iannazzo  
**Cc:** Laura Shiel  
**Subject:** Re: softball game suspensions

Mr. Iannazzo,

I have been brought up to date on the suspensions as result of the fracas that occurred in last season's softball playoffs. I would suggest that you request to appear at our next park and recreation commission meeting on Monday May 10th at 7pm. At this time, I am assuming that it will be held via Zoom. I will see to it that you get the log in information.

Kevin Bellows

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**From:** Robert Iannazzo <rpiannazzo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** kbellows@msn.com <kbellows@msn.com>  
**Subject:** softball game suspensions

Hi Kevin,

My name is Rob Iannazzo and I manage Prime111's men's softball team. I assume you are aware of the playoff game played last year between my team and the Wraiths which got way out of hand. I've been advised by the First Selectman's office to reach out to you to discuss this matter as I am very upset at the resolution of suspensions for this game. I would very much like to discuss this situation at your earliest convenience. Please let know a time that works for you so we can discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Rob Iannazzo



**Town of Trumbull  
Parks and Recreation  
*Ranger Division***

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger

Re: Recommendation to Prohibit Tobacco Products and Nicotine Devices on Park Property

Commissioners,

It is my recommendaion to prohibit the usage of Tobacco products and Nicotine Devices on park property.

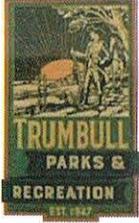
This could be accomplished by changing the wording in the current park ordinance 15-9(C).

This section states; (c) No tobacco products or electronic nicotine delivery devices are allowed within 50 feet of any pool, sprinkler pad, playground, or permitted recreational area.

By removing "*within 50 feet of any pool, sprinkler pad, playground, or permitted recreational area*" the section of the ordinance would state; *(c) No tobacco products or electronic nicotine delivery devices are allowed.* Chapter 15-9 (c) would refer to 15-1 Definitions (c) which would include all park Property.

15-1 Definitions: For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms, phrases and words shall have the meaning given herein:

(c) Park Property is a Town owned or maintained property, park, field, parkland, trail, open space, playground, recreation place and/or facility, greenbelts and Rails To Trails devoted to active or passive recreation, or any part within, and/or any other area, place, building or structure including, but not limited to, monuments, statues, fences, walls, railings, trees, bushes, shrubs, flowers and/or any other materials.



**Town of Trumbull  
Parks and Recreation  
*Ranger Division***

**Parks and Recreation Commission  
Ranger Division April 2021 Report**

Commissioners,

This report is a summary of the Ranger Division activities for the month of April 2021. During this month the attention of the Ranger Division mainly concentrated on checking fields for compliance in the field use policy. As Spring is in full gear, sport activities and field usage has increased. There has been field usage issues that were expected and observed by the Rangers and were addressed. There has been a considerable increase in activity in the park system, which has led to an increase in damage to town property, littering, medical and conduct and behavior issues. Rangers have maintained a regular patrol of the great Oak area due to the Litter and Dumping issues. At this time the issues have subsided a bit. The usage of Rails 2 Trails remains high, especially on the weekend. Rangers are now conducting periodic patrol through the R2T system and public reception to this has been positive. The Division continues to receive reports of ATV and dirtbike operation on the Booth Hill Greenbelt and the Nature Preserve on Fox Run Ln. In addition we are experiencing this activity in Unity and Twin Brooks Parks. These vehicles have been observed and there is an effort to find the residences where they are coming from. Rangers continued to pick up litter and provide daily monitoring and maintenance of trash receptacles.

There were 41 written reports in April and 7 written warnings that were issued for a variety of Rules and incidents such as vandalism, conduct and behavior, Dogs off Leash, Damage to Park Property, medical, safety hazards, littering, and dumping. There were 145 parking violations issued and 46 written parking warnings.

There were 4 permitted events in the parks with included business meetings, Cub Scout outings and the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby.

Respectfully Submitted  
Steven Chapman  
Chief Park Ranger

# Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Report

April 12th, 2021

The past month has been extremely busy for our divisions in preparation for the new season, considering the staffing limitations that we are all facing.

It is without exaggeration to say that trying to re-animate programs from the past year especially without our Program Manager position in place has been .....”challenging”

One of the activities that hasn't been reported is the VEOCI Recreation Software program that the majority of our staff has been actively working on for the better part of the year. The concept is that the Town will have a fully integrated scheduling, work order and permitting system that work across ALL Departments. The one obstacle and burden is that this is not a off the shelf product, but rather one that essentially has to be built from the ground up and be tailored for every department's needs. Recreation is by far the most complicated in what functionality it has to be able to perform. Gretchen and Dave have done a remarkable job thus far exercising creativity and at times inexhaustible patience in getting this to the point it is now. Though not complete we are closing in on it and it looks like we will be able to start test driving it soon.

Parks/Maintenance is struggling without having a full staff, especially now in the spring. Optimistically we will be running at 60%-70% capacity for the next few months and that is assuming we don't have more quarantine absences or additional injuries. We will be bringing in summer help this year, but are putting off the hires as late as we can in order to be able to hold them longer in the season by H.R. regulations.

Priorities are a moving target, but we are still taking care of the majority of the seasonal needs.

We have made more progress on the Services Bridge at Twin Brooks and are on track for structural completion in the coming month.

We set up our annual Easter Egg Hunt and despite it being a little chilly was enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately we had some vandalism over the holiday weekend; Indian Ledge Restroom had significant graffiti sprayed on its exterior walls and of greater consequence Madison Field was hit by vehicular damage to the turf taking it out of play right at the start of seasonal play. Cameras were unable to capture a suitable image other than it was a BMW SUV. Restoration is underway.

In closing, the biggest and most unfortunate news this month has been the unexpected passing of our friend Steve Finger. Steve has been a foundational presence in Trumbull Little League for decades and as such been a regular figure in the world of Parks and Recreation for all of them. Steve was the person I dealt with for everything operationally; which meant we didn't always agree. But no matter what the topic, there was no doubt that Steve ALWAYS was there for the kids and the program above all else and still cared and understood our limitations and concerns in equal measure. Steve was a friend to me personally and will be irreplaceable loss to Little League and the Town.