Agenda

Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting - Monday, May 11, 2026

Call to Order

Public Comment

Raffaele Baggi – RC flying at Indian Ledge

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence - Attached

Old Business

New Business

Superintendent's Report

Division Reports

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Adjournment

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Correspondence

Hi there

I was told to reach out to you to request if the town can host a fishing derby. Apparently, we used to have one in Trumbull but no longer and our surrounding towns all host one. If there were any questions if families would get involved just look at the Easter egg hunt, it was packed. I'm on the PTA at Jane Ryan, my daughter is kindergarten and I'm on the father's club as well and I know all the kids would love this, support would be easy to find. I hear nothing but requests from parents from all over Trumbull as we do our extra curriculars, and a fishing derby is the step in the right direction to build that community and show that this town has more to offer. It should be a free event so there are no fiscal barriers for all families to enjoy. Companies can sponsor, host, donate their time to help line up fishing rods, others could be there as food trucks. We can work together, create a community group with parks and rec and make it work.

We previously came from another town where it was catch and release, and they gave all participants a medal for them, kids got to weigh and measure, and companies hosted stands to help (think bass pro shop, independent sport shop...)
I'm attaching screenshots from both Monroe and Fairfield hosting free fishing derbys.
We have a great lake in the center of town, let's do it!
Let me know what I can do or I can gather some people and help push this thru.

Thanks, Eli Piyevsky

Dear Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission,

My name is Raffaele Baggi, and I am a new resident of Trumbull. I am writing to request consideration for permitting the operation of small (less than 10lb) radio-controlled (RC) aircraft at Indian
Ledge Park.

I am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), Membership number 1226981, and
I noted that Indian Ledge Park is listed on the official AMA website as a location historically associated with RC flying activities (https://www.modelaircraft.org/site/trumbull-indian-ledge-rc-club-
indian-ledge-park). I would like to better understand whether this use can be permitted under appropriate guidelines.

I am also an aerospace engineer, and I both fly, design, and build my own small-scale aircraft models. I approach this activity with a strong emphasis on safety, technical discipline, and full compliance with AMA safety standards and FAA recreational flight rules.

I fully recognize the importance of maintaining safety and accessibility for all park users. To that end, I would be committed to operating under clearly defined restrictions, including designated flying areas and appropriate safety buffers.

I would be glad to work collaboratively with the Commission to develop a structured set of guidelines for this activity (if not already existing), including aspects such as designated flight areas, operating conditions, and safety constraints.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I would be glad to provide additional information or attend a meeting if helpful.

Sincerely,
Raffaele Baggi

Noreen and Dmitri,

I'm writing to follow up on the trail run proposal I originally submitted in December. I provided additional information and addressed the committee's questions in January, and since then I've reached out several times via email and phone to check on the status.

At this point, I have not received any update—whether a decision, additional questions, or next steps. I have to be honest, this lack of communication has been both disappointing and frustrating. If there are further concerns about the proposed event, I would have expected the opportunity to address them so the proposal could move forward in a productive way.

Given the time that has passed, I'd appreciate any clarity you can provide on the status of the proposal.

In the meantime, I am updating my request to reflect a new proposed event date of **June 20, 2027**, and remain open to working through any outstanding items needed for consideration.

Thank you, and I look forward to your response.

Best regards, Gabriella Longobardo

Hello,

My husband and I have been Trumbull residents and taxpayers for over 50 years. I would first like to commend all the town workers and commission members who have helped make Twin Brooks Park a gem in Trumbull.

My husband and I are at Twin Brooks most days throughout the year. Over the past 4 years or so, parking in the first lot has become a challenge. We've experienced days when there were absolutely no parking places available. On any given day, from one-third to one-half of the spaces are taken up by non-resident vehicles - trust me-I have counted them.

The non-resident use is not limited to Twin Brooks. It is my understanding that during the summer months, the parking lot at Beaches Park also has a high number of non-resident vehicles whose families are there to use the sprinkler pad. I have been told that non-residents have said paying the Trumbull parking fine is cheaper than bringing their families to a water park for the day. What will happen at Indian Ledge once the word gets out about the new sprinkler area there? We must remember that it is the taxpayers of Trumbull whose taxes are used to build and maintain the beautiful parks in town. .

In the April meeting notes, I saw the message from Mike Rifflard stating that the signs don't deter anyone and the message is meaningless to non-residents. I definitely agree with his comments and his idea of a big, bold, and brightly colored sign instead of an ineffective one.

Below are some of the suggestions I would like to submit:

- Signs - many, large, brightly colored, clear, concise, and strategically placed
- Fines - consider raising the fine to $40 or $50. Other towns' "day" rates are $40 weekdays/$50 weekends
- Stickers - non-residents -consider raising the price to at least $150. Most other towns are now charging $250.

Last, but certainly not least, I applaud our park rangers. I have seen and heard the push-back, and at times abuse, they receive from non-residents when their vehicles are about to be ticketed. The non-residents say that the current sign does not state they cannot park their vehicle in the lot - and it doesn't. We need to make the message clear. I believe the above suggested signs will assist the rangers in doing their job. They deserve it and we owe it to them to help improve their working conditions.

Respectfully, Bernice Oleyar

Meeting Minutes
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, **April 13,** 2025

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Jonathan O'Brien, Bruce Pine, Rodney Arganese, Art Bradshaw
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, D. Paris - Superintendent
Absent: Debra Kroszner, Steve Gardiner

Call to Order at 7:04 PM

Public Comment – None

Acceptance of Minutes

Deletion: K. Bellows – Adjustment to remove helicopter from LivFree in "New Business."

Make a motion to accept the March meeting minutes.
Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by B. Pine
4 approvals, 1 abstention

Correspondence – Attached to Agenda

Old Business

1. Amputee Awareness 5K
   Comment: K. Bellows - Glad to see they found a home at Seaside Park in Bridgeport.

2. Beaches Park Signage
   Comment: D. Paris – The signs will be made before the season starts. They will go on the kiosk at the corner of the parking lot and Beaches Park Drive going towards Hedgehog. It will mention 24-hour surveillance/stickers/etc.
      Question: K. Bellows – Some residents were concerned about who can access the footage as needed.
         Response: D. Paris – PD, myself, and the IT Director all can access the footage. It is best to contact me (D. Paris) if you are looking to access. Knowing the date and time of an issue makes it much easier to figure out what is going on.

3. Camp Age Restriction

Comment: D. Paris – As much as it would be nice to keep friends together. There are standards that most orgs go by that take a closer look at developmental growth versus age or class. Once you get to a certain point of a mix of individuals it begins to change radically. We are not comfortable making a change to the age groups at this point.

Question: K. Bellows – Is there a need for an additional age group to add 13-14 year olds?

Response: D. Paris - Once we get to 13-14 years of age, there are a lot of changes to the requirements, supervision, individual independence, etc.

Question: K. Bellows – Is there a point we open enrollment to out of town?

Response: D. Paris – Yes, there's a window for only Trumbull residents to sign up and if the camps do not fill, it is opened to out of town residents.

Question: B. Pine – When will the fields behind Hillcrest be closing for the construction of the new school? Do we think leagues are aware and thinking about how this is happening?

Response: D. Paris – The loss of field space will start after July 4. I sent a letter to all leagues a few months back with a general idea of the timelines. As we move forward – field availability will be radically different. Unsure if everyone realizes how different everything will be and how difficult Spring 2027 will be to field.

New Business

1. Correspondence on Old Mine Park (Debris and Park Stickers)

Comment: D. Paris – the project over there is to repair and restore the piece that goes around the green. We started the project last year and the material in the lot is for the project. There is new signage up there that prohibits us from taking larger vehicles over the bridge. There was a structural analysis that it is no longer safe to take equipment of any sort past a weight limit to cross. Until that is resolved, there is no easy way to remove the material. Eventually, it will be moved/used.

Question: K. Bellows – Are we able to ticket? The resident was having trouble finding parking because of out-of-town residents (so he parked in the counseling center).

Comment: D. Paris – We can ticket over there, similar to Twin Brooks. If the rangers aren't there at the time the out-of-town cars are parked, they won't be ticketed. There is signage indicating you need to have a sticker. If there is an issue, a town resident can call the park ranger to come out.

2. Parking Stickers

Comment: D. Paris – When this was started, there was a fee (about $3.00) – which was adjusted to the cost being covered. Costs have increased with printing the stickers as time has gone, especially adding each specific license plate ($26,000-$27,000 a year). Options to cut costs of this include:

- Label them and track which resident receives
- Make stickers for 2-year periods

Question: N. Walsh – How do other towns do this? Is the plate number a necessity? Would it be less expensive?

Response: D. Paris – I do not believe so but at one point we were told the plate would be required. It would be less expensive, I'm not sure how much would be saved. The printer doing the work is unable to provide a weather resistant ink that can go on the outside of your car. Many other towns do place stickers inside but also have gates at all parks.

3. E-Bikes/Vehicles/Scooters on the Trails

Comment: N. Walsh – I was surprised about the e-bike because they are all different. Personally, mine is a pedal-assist and requires me to pedal as I ride.

Response: D. Paris – There are several categories. The problem is these can be quiet; some riders operate in unsafe ways. There was a growing safety concern leading to including all on the trails.

Superintendent's Report

- The barn at the Woods Estate is just about done. We've done a lot with the small barn, and we are growing into the facilities we've built.

Division Reports – Attached to Agenda

Recreation Report – It's exciting to see there will be a new skateboarding group among others that are being created by the rangers.

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Make a motion to adjourn.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by N. Walsh
Unanimous Vote

Adjournment at 8:07 PM

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RECREATION REPORT

May 2026

Summer will be here soon! We are still actively taking registrations for swim lessons, camps, and various other summer classes. Spring sessions of tennis lessons, karate, pickleball, dance, and more are underway.

Pickleball reservations began on May 1st. We have over 195 reservations (390 hours) in May already. The breakdown is as follows: 55 (110 hours) at Island Brook Courts, 13 (26 hours) at Unity Park, and 114 (228 hours) at Tashua Knolls Courts. ***May permits will be issued starting on TUESDAY May 26***. As always, courts may be used on a first come first serve basis when not reserved, but parking stickers will be enforced.

Beach Memorial Pool is expected to open on Saturday May 23 at 12pm. The pool hours will be 12pm-6pm daily through June 21. Tashua Knolls Pool is scheduled to open on June 22 from 12pm-6pm. Summer Camp and Swim Lessons are scheduled at Tashua Knolls in the mornings. Additional pool hours can be found on the website.

Other:

- Thursday Trumbull Farmers Market begins June 4 through October 15, 4-7pm @ Twin Brooks Park
- Children's Summer Concerts Tuesdays from June 23 through August 25, 10am @ Recreation Tent
- Tuesday Summer Concert Series begins June 23 through August 25, 7pm @ Town Hall Gazebo
- Sunday Concert Series begins June 21 through August 23, 4pm @ Town Hall Gazebo

Trumbull Parks & Recreation will be CLOSED on Monday May 25.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report April-May 2026

Parks and Recreation staff to continued Spring preparation work in April. The arrival of our first wave of seasonal employees has allowed us to roll into a regular mowing schedule throughout town. Staff were specifically engaged in the following:

- Beaches pool has been cleaned, filled and activated.
- Beaches pool decks have been cleaned and pressure washed.
- Landscape remediation in Tashua Knolls.
- Arbor Day celebration at Tashua Knolls.
- Tree planting on Huntington Turnpike, Unity Park, Unity Road, Tashua Knolls, Long Hill Green and Abraham Nichols Park.
- Community garden cleanup and preparation.
- Stump grinding throughout parks and town properties.
- Irrigation startup, system check and repair.
- Regular restroom maintenance in select parks.
- Continue landscape remediation following paving in Unity Park.
- Weeding and maintenance of plant beds throughout town.
- Installation of new flag pole at Long Hill Green.

Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

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Ranger Division April 2026 Report

Commissioners,

In April, Rangers observed and took **19** reports.

In Twin Brooks Rangers observed and addressed loose dogs, discovered an individual cutting and removing flowers, assisted a resident after being separated from her husband, addressed a snapping turtle situation, responded to an E-Bike complaint, assisted TPD with an intoxicated person and separate dispute incident, and removed a posted business ad. On Rails 2 Trails Rangers assisted TPD with two separate E-Bike complaints and responded to a report of a sick racoon. At Old Mine Rangers discovered Vandalism to the fire place. At Indian Ledge there was a reported sick racoon. At Nothnagle a Ranger addressed an issue of a loose dog. At Unity commercial business ads were removed. A Ranger assisted a resident and safely removed a needle that was found by the sports fields at THS. At Gunther Park litter was dicovered and removed, and Assisted TPD with a mental health issue at the Recreation Office.

There were **321** parking violations issued, **32** written parking warnings and **2** Infraction

Parking Violations by park		Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks	274	29
Old Mine	23	01
Indian Ledge	08	00
Island Brook	02	00
Unity	12	02
Beach	02	00
Nothnagle	00	00
Tashua Knolls	00	00
Rails to Trails	00	00

Total Year Violations **543** Written Parking Warnings **64** Infraction Warnings **4**

One special event at Old Mine, Group gathering
Rangers assisted with the Eggstraviganza Egg Hunt at Indian Ledge

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger