Agenda
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, June 8, 2025

Call to Order

Public Comment

1. Robin Bieber – Dunk Tank Request at Old Mine event
2. Refine Fitness – Trail Run Update
3. Gerald Mensah and Mason Natale-Svelnys – Youth Fishing Derby (not May request)
4. Krista McNamara – Dog Bag Receptacles

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Clerk, Abigail Relkin at abigailrelkin@gmail.com

Correspondence

1. I own a small business in town and my friend Gabriella Longobardo also owns a small business in town. We have noticed residents complaining about the lack of dog waste receptacles in parks, particularly Twin Brooks. We would like to be added to the committee meeting to discuss donating one or two to the park for residents. Can you please let us know if we can be added to the agenda for this meeting? Thank you.

   Keeping tails wagging, Krista McNamara

2. To Whom It May Concern:

   My hope is that this letter will make its way to the next parts commission public comment. I've written for quite some time about the basketball Hoops over at unity Park and have never been made aware of any discussion or reasons why they cannot or should not be repaired.

   The reality is that there are not many opportunities for our children or adults to shoot baskets outside. Is Brooke Park has a full court that often times gets used by residence and non-residence alike to play five on five games, but it does appear that the vast majority of participants are older in adolescence. We do not live on the Tashaw side of town so heading over there adds more of a logistical challenge.

   Once again, I would like to stress consideration to replace these Hoops, which only offer the ability to shoot and play a half court game. Many kids have siblings that play baseball so it makes sense to have this opportunity at Unity.

   I would appreciate any dialogue or opportunity to discuss further.

   Thanks, Todd Manuel, Reiner Circle

3. Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission,

   My name is Alex Howland, and I am a resident of Trumbull with an interest in geocaching. Superintendent Dmitri Paris recently shared your contact information after I submitted to him a geocaching placement request.

   Geocaching is a family-friendly outdoor activity that encourages exploration and appreciation of public spaces like your parks. Participants search for hidden containers that contain a paper log to sign your name on to share that you've explored the area.

   Superintendent Paris replied that the town has approved several geocache requests over the years. I would like to request permission to place a series of geocaches (potentially up to 15 hides) throughout the Twin Brooks and Beach Memorial Park trail systems. There are currently three caches on these trails (two of which have been there for 20+ years), and I believe adding a few more would further encourage residents to explore and appreciate our parklands.

   For background, I am not affiliated with Geocaching as an employee; I am a local hobbyist and resident. I am also an Eagle Scout and an Adult Leader in the Boy Scouts, so I have a lifelong commitment to the outdoors. I am dedicated to maintaining these hides respectfully and will promptly remove them should the town ever request it.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or if there's a specific form or process for this request. I would be happy to discuss this further with the Commission. Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your response.

Best, Alex Howland, Trumbull, CT Resident

4. My name is Gerald, and I'm a junior at Trumbull High School (Class of 2027). I'm working with my friend Mason who is a sophomore (Class of 2028). I'm reaching out to propose a free youth fishing derby at Twin Brooks Park this summer, tentatively early July and to ask whether we could present this at your June 9th meeting. Here is everything we are planning and everything we are hoping Parks & Rec can support.

   WHAT WE'RE DOING

   We are organizing a free, community fishing derby open to all kids in Fairfield County. Free entry, prizes across multiple categories, and a full event day with volunteer coaches, water, and an awards ceremony. Our goal is 60-80 participants. Jake's Lures has already committed to donating lures for prizes and loaner tackle. We are actively pursuing additional gear donations from Fisherman's World, Mepps Lures, Maple Row Farm, and Wiggle Room LLC.Derby categories: Biggest Fish, Most Fish Caught, First Catch of the Day.

   WHAT WE ARE ASKING FROM PARKS & REC

   1. Special Event Permit for Twin Brooks Park, July date (we are flexible on the exact date and happy to work around whatever is available)
   2. Confirmation of which pond we will use and how much bank is accessible for participants
   3. Parking: Twin Brooks requires a park sticker. We are asking for an event-day exemption for participants so families can attend without a sticker
   4. Confirmation that restrooms will be accessible for the duration of the event
   5. Co-promotion: if Trumbull Parks & Rec is willing to share the event on your town newsletter and social media channels, that would directly help us reach Trumbull families. We will credit the town on all of our materials

   WHAT WE WILL HANDLE ENTIRELY

   • All volunteer recruitment and management (targeting 10-12 volunteers, 1 per 5 kids on the water)
   • Some gear, tackle, prizes, and snacks
   • Full cleanup after the event; we will leave Twin Brooks exactly as we found it
   • All marketing and press outreach

   EVENT DAY STRUCTURE

   7:00 AM — Volunteer setup
   8:00 AM — Registration opens
   8:30 AM — Welcome, safety rules, casting demo
   9:00 AM — Derby begins
   12:45 PM — Fishing ends and winners selected
   1:00 PM — Awards ceremony/prizes
   1:30 PM — Full cleanup

   WHY WE ARE DOING THIS

   This is the first event in what we are building toward as a longer-term youth fishing nonprofit for Fairfield County. The derby is the starting point to get our message across to the community. Getting kids on the water for free, and promoting the enjoyment of nature instead of being inside playing video games is our goal. We are two Trumbull kids who want more kids to enjoy the amazing things

our town has to offer, and have this family-friendly event to provide a sense of community with our town's young anglers. Twin Brooks is a beautiful park in the Town of Trumbull that has a waterbody that can hold this event, and therefore is the right place to start.

We would love the opportunity to present this at your June 9th meeting if there is still room on the agenda. We are also happy to answer any questions over email beforehand.

Best, Gerald and Mason

5. I'm writing to voice concerns about the cars and motorcycles / bikes that continue to congregate and race in both beaches parking lot and around pinewood lake (primarily at night). The crowds in the lot are starting to pick up again as the weather has warmed up, and just last weekend, it sounded like over 10 cars were congregating and racing at night. It's a great disturbance to everyone in my home (I have a 9- and 13-year-old) and to our neighborhood. I've lived here 12 years now, and this has been a problem since I moved here. I thought that cameras were installed in the parking lot as a deterrent, and to start holding the drivers accountable, but it doesn't seem to be working yet. Can the lot be patrolled at night and / or closed off so this doesn't continue to be an issue?

   Thank you, Lora Moynihan and Dan Letizia, Old Dike road

6. Around 12:20 am on May 31, I was awakened by loud noises from the Beaches Pool Lot due to numerous cars recklessly doing donuts and/or burnouts. Trumbull PD was called at 12:22 am, however, the 15 or so vehicles present fled around 12:32 am, just minutes before two police cars arrived at 12:36 am.

   This was not the usual loud driving or fireworks at Beaches Lot which typically involves one or a few cars. Rather, with so many cars it calls to mind the parking lot takeover in Fairfield on May 2, 2025 (see https://www.fpdct.com/news_detail_T10_R69.php and video here https://youtu.be/s7Ht_PqaCQc?si=VPBtJ4NeGAQb8Aa5).

   Of note:

   - New signage at Beaches warning of 24-hour surveillance, which went up around May 26, unfortunately did not discourage this event.
   - Had police officers arrived before the vehicles left, they may have found themselves in danger from the large number of vehicles.
   - Videos of the Fairfield takeover show fires caused by the driving. The risk of fire to Beach Memorial Park and neighboring homes is an ongoing concern.

   Decreasing the number of nighttime gatherings both large and small could be achieved at Beaches Lot. I once again urge the Town and Parks & Recreation to take steps to prevent after-hours access to the Beaches Lot for the safety of Trumbull's residents, police officers, and the security of town and private property.

   Regards, Louise M Perkins, Ph.D, Old Dike Road

7. Noreen, hope you are doing well.

   I wanted to follow up on my request to register my son for travel camp this summer. Before the camps are opened up to non-residents on June 1 I wanted to see if there were any way Graeme (who

turned 13 in March) could register for the Week of July 13. This week still 11 spots left according to the website.

I appreciate the consideration and hope that the board really look into make this a grade-by-grade camp rather than age based.

Best, Allison Henderson

Meeting Minutes
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, May 11, 2026

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Jonathan O'Brien, Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner, Art Bradshaw
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, Kyle Griffin – Park Ranger
Absent: Rodney Arganese & Steve Gardiner

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Suspend the meeting for public comment

Public Comment

Raffaele Baggi, Pumpkin Hill Road – RC flying at Indian Ledge – Interested in being able to fly RC Airplanes at Indian Ledge Park. Went to visit the park based on information on the AMA website, was directed to the commission to ask about obtaining a permit. The field beyond where the Easter Egg Hunt looks to be the best spot to potentially fly.

> Response: N. Walsh – We had a club at one point that used to fly on Sunday mornings.
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> Response: K. Bellows – A number of people would also fly at Madison (Ketchel Field) and might be the better option due to how busy Indian Ledge Park. It would be all based on timing because no one can be underneath where the planes are flying. The standard had been Sunday mornings but the winter availability was more open.
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> Response: K. Griffin – It would be best to schedule in when you'd like to fly to make sure you aren't interrupted or interrupting anything. You can send an email to Recreation to ask about making a schedule at Ketchel since the only activity happening at the field.

Make a motion to add to public comment
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by J. O'Brien
Unanimous Vote

Ed Baureman – Booth Hill Road – Unity Park Pickleball Courts – We are so appreciative of the courts in this park and they are so well used. The court 3 fence has been damaged, and has created a 6 inch gap in the corner. The balls will go through the fence and off the court. Can there be a fence built to fix this or something be done in the meantime? Could I place

something there in the mean time – a plastic netting that I can put up while there? I'm happy to do it in a way that is safe

Response: K. Bellows – I received an email from JP and sent information to D. Paris. He is aware of the issue and it as been added to the budget proposal. It will be repaired and they may try to do a quick fix in the meantime. Can it be put up on the outside of the fence?

Response: B. Pine – We seem to have vandalism in that area and it's possible that it was vandalized.

Comment: K. Bellows – D. Paris seemed to think it was poor craftsmanship from when it was installed.

Return to Regular Meeting

Acceptance of Minutes

Make a motion to approve the April meeting minutes.
Motion by D. Kroszner, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

Correspondence – Attached to Agenda

Old Business

- Question: D. Kroszner - Signage at Beaches Pool area for trash and littering – Have we gotten anywhere with the signage? I'm already seeing an increase in the litter.
    - Response: K. Bellows – D. Paris did state that he forgot about this but he will add them to the other signs he is working on.
- Question: N. Walsh – I saw something about a skateboarding group?
    - Response: K. Griffin - Former Park Ranger has a group that recently started for kids to join and learn about skate boarding. There are about 6 or 7 people signed up.

New Business

- D. Kroszner – A neighbor mentioned there is no ADA parking spot in Island Brook Park. If someone is coming and is limited in mobility, it makes it difficult for them to be there.

- Response: K. Bellows – I checked on this and there are no lines in the parking lot at all. This will be addressed and there will be parking spaces including ADA parking.

- Fishing Derby
  - Comment: K. Bellows – There was a fishing derby each year at Twin Brooks and someone from the Jane Ryan Father's Club is asking to do this this year. This might be better to do at Old Mine considering the pond is stocked.
    - Response: M. Travisano – This was at the VFW when it was hosted.

Make a motion to approve a Fishing Derby for Jane Ryan's Father Club at Old Mine Park pending approval on time and date from the Recreation Departmen.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

- RC Flying Request

Make a motion to approve a permit for AMA certified RC flying at fields based on availability and under the guidelines (time and place) of the Recreation Department.
Motion by N. Walsh, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

- Parking Stickers in Twin Brooks
  - Comment: K. Bellows – The letter (correspondence) highlighted some frustrations.
    - Response: K. Griffin – This is not a non-residence vs residence issue. Out-of-towners are able to purchase stickers and visit our parks. Also, with fishing licenses, you are not required to have a sticker to fish in the park because it is a state-stocked park. We do ask those individuals to go to the Recreation Department to get a sticker or hang tag for free (by showing fishing permit), which is limited to parks and fishing season.
      - Question: K. Bellows – do you think a part of the issue is that other towns only require stickers between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
        - Response: There is signage that highlights the sticker requirement. It can be confusing so we can likely update the verbiage when we get the new signs.

- Gabi Longobardo – 5K Trail Run Fundraiser Request
    - Comment: K. Bellows – this was pushed off to June 20, 2027.
        - Response: N. Walsh – There was concern that this wouldn't be the safest option. And based on her letter it doesn't seem as though she's heard much in response.
            - Response: K. Bellows – We asked her to get the approval from EMS, etc when sharing the idea and to then contact the Parks and Recreation Department. We were cautious about the idea because of the small trails and difficulty getting emergency vehicles into the trails if necessary. At this point, it is with the Recreation Department to approve. To shut down the entire park would be costly, plus staffing rangers. D. Paris feels it will be much easier to have on the rails to trails.
                - Comment: K. Griffin – I'd be hesitant to have this event in Twin Brooks. Adding another event would also cause an issue with the parking problems we're already having. We'd need to shut down the park completely which can be costly.
    - Comment: M. Travisano – We should request she come back to share what she has learned from EMS/insurance/etc.
        - Response: N. Walsh – Someone in the Parks and Recreation Department needs to respond.
    - Question: B. Pine – Could we offer the cross country trail?
        - Response: K. Bellows – It's a short trail, I'm not sure that's what she would be looking for.

Superintendent's Report – Emailed Out

Division Reports – Emailed Out

Comment: K. Griffin – Snapping turtles and raccoons are back for this time of the year. We are assisting PD with e-bikes on the trails and kids speeding. Did assist PD with an intoxicated male on the playground at twin brooks. There was an issue with someone cutting flowers, which has been an issue in the past too.

Question: K. Bellows – how many rangers are there? How many are doing rounds? How long does it take to get around everywhere?

Response: I think about 14 rangers. We have one on each end but we do try to put more people on for busier times (spring/summer

mornings). Just driving through and looking takes about an hour. If we're getting out of our cars and checking different areas, it will take much longer.

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Make a motion to adjourn
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by A. Bradshaw
Unanimous Vote

Adjournment at 8:03 PM

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RECREATION REPORT

June 2026

Summer is here! Beach Memorial Pool opened on Saturday May 23 and has been operational daily from 12pm-6pm. Tashua Knolls pool is expected to open on/around June 22. Trumbull Farmers Market begins June 4th at Twin Brooks Park.

Summer program registration, including various Camps and Swim Lessons, opened March 1st and summer programs begin on/around June 22nd-29th. All sessions of Junior Camp and TYA Junior are SOLD OUT! Most of the full-day Playground Camp and certain sessions of Travel Camp are sold out as well. Please note, we are FULLY STAFFED for Summer 2026.

Please find the summer entertainment schedule below:

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 Annex 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 Friday April 3 and Monday May 25.

*The Recreation Office will be closed Friday June 19, Friday July 3, and Monday July 6**

- On Monday July 6th we will have someone answering phones 9am-3pm as camp/swim lessons will be held.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report May-June 2026

Parks and Recreation staff moved into a regular mowing schedule during May. Staff were heavily engaged in preparation for Memorial Day, planting, weeding, watering and pool openings. Some highlights:

- Beaches pool and splash pad have opened for the season.
- Air conditioning unit installed in Beaches lifeguard room.
- Tashua Pool preparations have begun.
- Community Garden at Abraham Nichols is open.
- New raised garden beds installed at the Senior Center. Deer fence installed on site.
- Installation of replacement irrigation system at Twin Brooks Park.
- Regular restroom maintenance in all parks. Restrooms are open daily in Twin Brooks, Lower Indian Ledge, Beach Memorial, Unity and Island Brook Park.
- Continue landscape remediation following paving in Unity Park.
- Weeding and maintenance of plant beds throughout town.
- Installation of annuals at Town Hall.

Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

Parks and Recreation Commission

Ranger Division May 2026 Report

Commissioners,

In May, Rangers observed and took **28** reports. At Twin Brooks Rangers found a small campsite, damage to the playground equipment, assisted a resident with finding lost keys, report of an individual selling puppies, assisted TPD with moped, dirt bike, E-Bike complaints and a person living in a tent. At Old Mine Rangers found and removed private business ads, littering in the upper pavilion, and an open door at the Counseling Center. At Unity there was two loose dog complaints, damage to an electric outlet, and erecting a temporary structure. At Indian Ledge there was a report of an injured cat, an Irate non-compliant person, and two instances of trespass on the closed BMX track. At Beaches there was a disabled vehicle and dumping of furniture. At Abraham Nichols there were two instances of observed loose dogs. Rangers assisted TPD for transportation of a bike, removing debris from the road, and with a mental heath issue on Rails to Trails.

There were **365** parking violations issued, **21** written parking warnings and **2** Infraction

Parking Violations by park		Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks	300	18
Old Mine	41	02
Indian Ledge	10	01
Island Brook	03	00
Unity	06	02
Beach	05	00
Nothnagle	00	00
Tashua Knolls	00	00
Rails to Trails	00	00

Total Year Violations **908** Written Parking Warnings **85** Infraction Warnings **6**

Special Events/Pavilion

Unity-Two Birthday Parties
Old Mine- Birthday Party
Indian Ledge- Amatuer Radio Event

Four new part time rangers hired and began training.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger