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Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, June 14, 2021
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- John Coleman, Trumbull Rotary Club
- Mike Buswell, Trumbull Babe Ruth

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence

- Letter from Mark Halstead, Greater Bridgeport Symphony Executive Director

Old Business

New Business

- Rotary Club Sunset Run
- Trumbull Babe Ruth Tournament Host Request

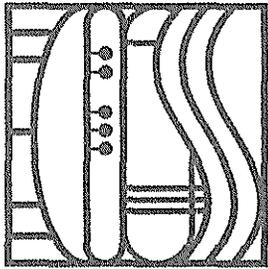
Superintendent's Report

Division Reports

Any other business that might rightly come before this Commission

Adjournment

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May 20, 2021

Hon. Kevin Bellows, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Commission
Town of Trumbull
5892 Main Street
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611

RE: Greater Bridgeport Symphony concert at Indian Ledge Park

Dear Mr. Bellows

Mr. Paris suggested I write regarding an outdoor concert by the Greater Bridgeport Symphony (GBS) at Indian Ledge Park this summer. As you know, GBS held a very successful event last Labor Day, and we would be thrilled to be able to bring our music to Trumbull again.

We are hoping that a Saturday in August – perhaps the 8th, 15th or 22nd – will work for the Town.

Once we have established a date certain (with a rain date?), we can schedule our musicians and address the particulars of the event, including any Covid considerations such as may still be desirable at that time. Gathering personnel, music, etc. is usually best done twelve weeks ahead of a concert, so this is the perfect time to get the ball rolling.

Our experience in Trumbull was so positive last year – can we exceed 100%? – and we remain grateful to the First Selectman, the Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments for all of their hard work. We still get compliments on that concert now, nine months afterward.

Please let me know of anything GBS can do to make this concert a reality. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours

Mark R. Halstead, Executive Director

cc: Mr. Dmitri Paris, Mrs. Jean Moffitt

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Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Report

June 14th, 2021

The month has included all the traditional Memorial Day startups and activities that the Town has come to expect. We are involved in many aspects of the Parade, Ceremonies, the Prom, annual plantings as well as the Pool operations.

The Vietnam Memorial was a race to the finish to get the replacement monument made and installed. We had a huge assist by Arduini Construction who volunteered their time to get the stone properly aligned and mounted. They spent the better part of a day there, and that made the difference in getting the project completed.

The Services Bridge is inching closure for initial fabrication with only a short run remaining to tie it into the new sidewalk entrance. The planting of the entrance has been completed with remediated turf areas and the installation of a new grove of flowering trees. This entire area was damaged by the Ash Tree removals and the structural work on the bridge itself.

We anticipate our restrooms to be fully operational by the end of the month. We have been putting all of our available efforts at completing the facilities and are confident we will make the deadline. We have communicated the process on our website and social media sites. Porta Johns have been placed at all facilities until we re-open.

Our next priority will be the Beach Splash Pad which as of this report has had all the new lines installed and feeders and regulators acquired for CO2 operation. Beachs pool is running VERY well on the new system and its much easier to operate within Health Code Standards.

We have started to get some seasonal help and for the most part its making a big difference in keeping up with the grass cutting. We are still experiencing a staff shortage due to injury or illness and its especially has an impact in all of our skilled trade driven operations.

We have extended an offer to an applicant for the Program Manager position. The H.R. process now has to do checks and make the official offer so at this point we don't know for sure if the hire will go through or when they will start. We felt that many of the applicants we interviewed had excellent qualifications which actually made the final selection a little difficult...but in a good way !

All of our Rec programs and camp are gearing up to begin, though we are still looking for a few more hires to fill in all of our positions for the summer we feel we will be operationally fine.

The big news of the month is we are likely to begin the construction phase on the Pickleball and Tennis Court projects within the month. Some scheduling re arraignments with our contractors pushed our project up on the calendar. That and good fortune shined on us based on when we signed our contracts It allowed us to dodge a significant price hike for the overall project due to the steady increase in material costs.

Lastly, the issues with our Field Maintenance Contractor have continued to pose difficulties with regards to maintaining consistent services as listed under the contract. We must essentially manage all aspects of the work they provide or there will be lapses. This has been an unwelcomed burden to the Department and even with the additional effort the results are not substantially improving.



Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

Parks and Recreation Commission
Ranger Division May 2021 Report

Commissioners,

This report is a summary of the Ranger Division activities for the month of May 2021. May saw the kickoff of the Summer season to full swing. Activity in all the parks system is noticeably high, especially on the weekends. Field usage continues to be monitored for compliance to the Field Use Policy. We continue to see littering and dumping issues in various parks and sport fields. Several complaints have been received about groups at the Island Brooke basketball ball court leaving litter, the issue is being addressed. Rangers maintain a regular patrol of all parks addressing issues as they are observed. Regular proactive patrol is being conducted through the R2T system and trash receptacles are being maintained daily. Patrol continues at the Booth Hill Greenbelt and Nature Preserve on Fox Run Ln due to ATV and dirtbike operation, and because to our presence, no complaints has been received in May. We continue to pick up litter and provide daily monitoring and maintenance of park trash receptacles. Some activity is being reported at the Quarry Road area. We are monitoring the area and addressing issues as they arise and proactive preventative measures will be put in place if needed.

There were 52 written reports in May and 9 written warnings that were issued for a variety of Rules and incidents such as prohibited parking, obstructing access to gates, Ads and Solicitation, conduct and behavior, Dogs off Leash, Damage to Park Property, littering, and dumping. There were 75 parking violations issued and 34 written parking warnings.

There were 8 permitted events in the parks which included Group meetings, Boy Scout outings, Dog Show and a Rally.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman
Chief Park Ranger