Agenda
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Trumbull Town Hall, Long Hill Room
Regular Meeting - Monday, July 13, 2025

Public Comment

Acceptance of Minutes

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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 Noreen,

My name is Carissa Gulyas. I came into the Parks and Recs building about a month ago and spoke to you regarding my kids' school possibly doing a pool day at Beaches next year. You mentioned emailing the commission for approval, but I can't find a commissioner's email that would be best for this request....there are several commissioners apparently.

I left a voicemail for you for about two weeks, but no return call.

Please get back to me with the best contact for this. I would really appreciate it.

Thank you so much.
Carissa

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

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Jonathan O'Brien (left at 8:03PM), Rodney Arganese (arrived at 7:19PM & left at 8:18PM), Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner, Art Bradshaw, Steve Gardiner
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, Dmitri Paris – Superintendent of Parks

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Suspend the meeting for public comment

Public Comment

1. Robin Bieber – Dunk Tank Request at Old Mine event – Did not attend

2. Gabriella Longobardo (Rocky Hill Road), Refine Fitness – 5K Trail Run Update – Trail Run in Twin Brooks (first choice) or Indian Ledge for anyone in or out of town (200+ people), Sunday morning in Spring/Summer 2027, about 30-90 minutes of length. Would not need to close the road but would need parking spaces. Insurance - Request was submitted. EMS Comments – It will be dependent on weather conditions, 1-2 ambulances at the event, incident action plan, EMTs around the trail. It would be nice to have kids 11+ and at the very end have owners walking their dogs.
    Question: K. Bellows - Where would the run go? Any roads? The trails tend to get narrow. What happens then?
        Response: Starting by the bathrooms, loop around the lake, behind the lake to the far parking lot then down and back on the path (not on the road). We would use chalk or lawn signs to direct through the trail. As the trails narrow, the faster runners move ahead and for slower runners to stay to the right side so other can pass. Can also break up runners into groups to lessen the amount of people at one time.

    Comment: D. Paris – I have some concerns with Twin Brooks. I am not sure it would go well at Twin Brooks, but the trails and parking at Indian Ledge would be much better for this type of event. Have you considered any other parks and what are your thoughts? If the commission were to approve, would you have the volunteers meet to ensure they know where to be and what is happening. Our emergency services are well versed in rescues on the trails and in the parks.
        Response: Indian Ledge (it is more challenging) but for an event like this, Twin Brooks would be better with the grass area. I have been running in Indian Ledge, and the smallest loop is 4 miles long, but also more flat with rocks.

3. Gerald Mensah and Mason Natale-Svelnys – Youth Fishing Derby (not May request) – "Real Future Initiative" – Trying to get kids (under 16 does not need a license) outside in nature again and fishing is a great way to do this. We think Twin Brooks would be the best for the event fishing and for parking. We are expecting a maximum of 40 cars, parents and children (60+ children). 10-12 adult and additional student volunteers will be present at the event. This is the first event of a series of events we would like to host throughout the summer. Looking for a permit, pond confirmation/access, parking exemption, and restroom access.

Question: R. Arganese – Has recreation ever run a fishing "camp?"

Response: K. Bellows – No, not yet.

Response: D. Paris – The previous event proposed in May went through the process, but this was conceptual versus a true event. It would be nice if we could work collaboratively on this, integrating what you're trying to do and a town run event. The Parks and Recreation Department is very interested in running a fishing derby type event. Right now, the schedule is set about 1 year in advanced, and it may be difficult to happen right now.

4. Krista McNamara – Dog Bag Receptacles - Unable to attend

5. Subhang Prabala & Gerald Mensah – Pickleball Tournament Request – We are a part of the (FBLA) Future Business Leaders of America and want to fundraise for our competition costs (state competitions) and cost of membership, etc. Looking to use Tashua Knolls (first choice) or Unity Park for the tournament. We have gotten about 32 people (16 teams, doubles), would need 2 to 4 courts. $10 per person (about $320), may buy drinks and snacks to sell to the participants, the money is kept with the advisor.

   Comment: D. Paris – Being a fundraiser, it's great you've come to the commission first. If the commission approves, we can work with the Parks and Recreation Department to schedule.

   Question: R. Arganese – Who is the advisor and when would you like to have this?

   Response: Mrs. Southard is our advisor, and we would like to have this sooner than later as everyone is excited about it.

6. Deborah Weiss, Old Dyke Road – I want to discuss the larger number of vehicles that were driving around, causing a disturbance. I heard something about the images not being clear enough for anyone to identify. The cars flying through the parking lot/roads about every night. We want to have the parking lot closed after hours. We have never gotten a good response from the commission about why closing the lot is not possible. We would like your recommendation that the park be closed off after hours.

   Comment: D. Paris – It was organized getting into the park and station themselves for what looked like an orchestrated event to perform stunts. We are aware of what the neighborhood and park experience with this. From the Parks and Recreation side, we are trying to figure out the true issue to solve. Isolating the area is not as simple as it seems. Even if cars were blocked from entering, people would get out of their cars and walk in. There are so many challenges that need to be worked out, but the Director of Public Works, Chief Lombardo and the First Selectwoman are in conversation.

   Response: K. Bellows – I know Chief Lombardo is working with George and Vicky to resolve this issue. We are seeing what is happening thanks to the cameras and your concerns are being heard more.

Motion to return to the Meeting
Motion by R. Arganese, 2nd by A. Bradshaw, Unanimous Vote

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to Approve May Meeting Minutes

Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by D. Kroszner, Unanimous Vote

Correspondence – Attached

1. Basketball Court Request – This has been addressed in previous years. The clerk will reach out to him via email with notes from the commission. Parts will not be sold for the unit, we have tried fabricating and it was rebuilt again. We would have to excavate the original unit and put in a brand new one.

Old Business

1. N. Walsh - 5K Trail Run – Indian Ledge would be a much better option for this type of event. There has obviously been a lot of preparation for this, and she has done everything that the commission asked.
   Response: D. Paris – If the commission is comfortable with the fundraising idea, then it could work. Twin Brooks is not the best location for the event and would be difficult to find the best time to have this done.
   Question: D. Kroszner – Has the town ever sponsored a type of trail run like this?
   Response: D. Paris – No, we have not. Runs are typically on the paths or road.
   Question: S. Gardiner – Isn't Indian Ledge uphill and rocky?
   Response: D. Paris – I think that's what they are looking for with a "trail run." Liability is a concern especially because we all know the trails are not "ideal."
   Question: M. Travisano – Where is the money going if only 10% of profits are being donated?
   Response: D. Paris – I would connect with the attorney.

Motion to approve the concept of a Trail Run at Indian Ledge Park with the contingency that the logistics, field use/facilities policies and insurance are met provided an account of the potential funds is presented to the commission at least 3 months in advanced of the event.
Motion by N. Walsh, 2nd by R. Arganese, Unanimous Vote

New Business

1. Geocaching Request

Motion to approve additional geocaching sites at Twin Brooks and Beach memorial Park, provided a map is shared with the Parks and Recreation Department of the locations.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, N. Walsh, Unanimous Vote

2. Pickleball Fundraiser
   Comment: D. Paris – Scheduling is difficult, especially this time of year. I would suggest connecting with the Parks and Recreation Department
   Question: M. Travisano – Would you do it in the fall?
   Response: Yes, we would but we'd like to do it immediately.

Motion to approve a Pickleball Tournament for the students based on the Parks and Recreation schedule, availability.
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by D. Kroszner, Unanimous Vote

3. Fishing Derby

Motion to approve the Real Future Initiative to work with the Trumbull Parks and Recreation Department to host a Fishing Derby within a Trumbull Park.
Motion by D. Kroszner, 2nd by N. Walsh, Unanimous Vote

4. Dog Waste Receptacles
   Comment: K. Bellows – this has been approved in the past, but I don't think it went well.
   Response: D. Paris – These were added to Twin Brooks Park in the past and the items were vandalized multiple times over a year. They were eventually removed.

Superintendent's Report – Attached to agenda

- There was an issue with the water at Beaches Pool, there was an issue in the surrounding area with muddy water.
- Indian Ledge sprinkler park was PACKED! People were having a great time.

Division Reports - Attached to agenda

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Motion to adjourn
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by S. Gardiner, Unanimous Vote

Adjournment at 8:32

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RECREATION REPORT

July 2026

Summer is underway. Beach Memorial Pool had approximately 8,262 visitors in the month of June. The cold weather and extended school year kept the crowds down as we had 10,304 patrons in June of 2025. Tashua Knolls Pool opened on June 19 and had approximately 1,372 visitors during June.

Summer Camps and Swim lessons started in late June. Adult Swim lessons are set to begin on Monday July 6. We have over 1,045 campers enrolled at the four sites. Additional summer programs we have include swim lessons, yoga, youth tennis lessons, and karate.

Thank you to those who joined us at the annual reading of the Declaration on July 4th. The annual Triathlon is coming up on Saturday July 11 and we currently have 62 participants registered! The route will start at Beach Memorial Pool and wind through Twin Brooks Park as in years past. As a reminder, TYA performances of *Once Upon A Mattress* will take place July 30- August 1st. TYA Junior's *Suessical Jr.* will be performed August 7th and 8th. Please find the additional summer entertainment schedule below:

Other:

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

Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

Parks and Recreation Commission
Ranger Division June 2026 Report

Commissioners,

In June, Rangers observed and took **31** reports. At Twin Brooks Rangers addressed a prohibited parking issue, report of an injured goose, found property(cooler), Medical issue, loose dog, dumping of pet waste bags, removed private business signs, reported a broken gate, assisted TPD with an E-bike complaint, And addressed a temporary structure issue. On Rails 2 Trails Rangers assisted TPD with four complaints of E-Bike operation, one dirt bike complaint and assisted with a medical. At Indian Ledge Rangers discovered discharged fireworks, Broken bottles, and reported a lock issue. At Old MIne Rangers reported a fallen tree, a broken fence post and discovered the door to the couseling center open. At Quarry RD dumping of furniture was discovered.

There were **339** parking violations issued, **28** written parking warnings and **3** Infractions

Parking Violations by park		Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks	204	14
Old Mine	24	01
Indian Ledge	12	01
Island Brook	01	01
Unity	10	00
Beach	88	11
Nothnagle	00	00
Tashua Knolls	00	00
Rails to Trails	00	00

Total Year Violations **1247** Written Parking Warnings **113** Infraction Warnings **9**

Special Events/Pavilion
Old Mine- Graduation Party, Company Picnic, Bridal Shower, Family Picnic, 3 Scout Events
Unity- 2 Graduation Party's, Family party
Island Brook- Charity Softball Event
Jane Ryan Baseball Field-Family Baseball Game
Indian Ledge- GBARC Field Day
Beach Park-DRSC Outing

Four new part time rangers trained and working regular shifts and special events.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger