

AGENDA
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

- I. Call to order
- II. Public Comment
 - a. Cat Lamy, re: pickleball
- III. Acceptance of Minutes
 - a. Regular meeting of July 11, 2022
- IV. Correspondence
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Superintendent's Report
- VIII. Division Reports
 - a. Recreation
 - b. Park Rangers
- IX. Any other business that might rightly come before this Commission
- X. Adjournment

MEETING MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022

In attendance:

Kevin Bellows, Chairman
Mike Travisano, Vice Chairman
Brian LeClerc
Jon O'Brien
Ed Ritacco
Nancy Walsh

Guests:

Arvind Kalidindi, 160 Palomino Pass

Not in attendance:

Bill Brown
Ken Martin

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Bellows suspended the regular meeting to hear public comment. Mr. Kalidindi appeared before the Commission on behalf of local volleyball players to follow up on their request for maintenance on the volleyball courts, primarily inquiring about a timeline for the maintenance. Mr. Ritacco and Mr. Bellows suggested contacting Mr. Paris directly. Additionally, Mr. Ritacco suggested that with the limitations of the Parks crew, particularly during the busy season, the players might want to discuss their goals with Mr. Paris for the opening of next year's season. They also acknowledged that proper playing surfaces and player safety are important, however, organized volleyball is new to the Commission. However, they noted that now that it is aware of the regular court use, the Commission can advocate for the group.

MOTION to close public comment made by Mr. Travisano, seconded by Mr. LeClerc. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Mr. Martin was unable to attend the meeting, however, he did send an email to request that the June meeting minutes be amended to reflect the location of the graffiti that was remedied by the Parks Department. The location was the bicycle and walking path located at the Route 25 underpass and Rocky Hill Road.

MOTION to accept June meeting minutes with Mr. Martin's amendment made by Mr. LeClerc, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The appeal letter from Mr. Carbone was discussed. The Commission needs input from Mr. Paris, as he has communicated with Mr. Carbone regarding this issue.

The letter from Ms. Thomas inquiring about hosting a flea market-type event in a Town park. Several Commission members expressed concern about the parks being revenue-neutral. The Commission is awaiting further guidance from Town Attorneys per a previous meeting. Mr. LeClerc suggested that Ms. Thomas approach the organizers of the NIA Farmers' Market with her idea, as their infrastructure and publicity are already in place. The clerk will email Ms. Thomas to relay that information.

Mr. Post updated the Commission via email on the installation of three QR Codes: the Transfer Station, Old Mine Park, and Parlor Rock Park.

Mrs. Walsh had expressed concern in a previous meeting that the new shortened hours at Town pools would prevent certain residents from using them, and she said she was glad that the hours have been adjusted.

MOTION to adjourn made by Mr. Travisano, seconded by Mr. Ritacco. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Shiel

Laura Shiel

From: Kevin Bellows
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Ken Martin; Edward Ritacco; bill and/or nancy walsh; Jon O'Brien; Mike Travisano; billbrown'; halligan96 ; Laura Shiel
Subject: Fw: New Island Brooks courts

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From: Kevin Bellows <bellowskr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:00 PM
To: Kevin <kbellows@msn.com>
Subject: New Island Brooks courts



Sent from my iPhone

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Report

August 8th 2022

Ongoing projects that our Departments have been involved in in the past months:

1: Ongoing maintenance on all turf and fields

2: Tashua and Beaches Pools regular operations including the repair of various components of the Splash Pad and the replacement of the entire electrical system within Tashua Filter House

3: HVAC system failures at Town Hall, Main Library, Senior Center

4: Mold remediation in new file storage area at Town Hall

5: Twin Brooks Drainage Project is ongoing and we are currently waiting for delivery of some of the culverts and underground structures

6: Gunther Pond Dredging is underway and material is currently being removed with pond contours being re developed

7: Tennis/Pickleball/Basketball court at Island Brook Park are complete short of the final installation of some fencing and gates.

Landscaping at this site is underway including the repair of a major storm drain behind the courts.

We are waiting for the United Illuminating permits so we can complete the security camera installation

8: Field #7 restoration at the Hillcrest Campus has been complete and we are currently acclimating the new sod

RECREATION REPORT

August 2022

Swim lessons and various camps are wrapping up. We have had approximately 1,600 camp participants and over 400 swim lesson registrants this season. The new Travel Camp (ages 10-13) was a success and we're already planning to expand to the entire summer next year. Back for 2022, the Teen Adventure Program with the Counseling Center has sold out of most trips! Adult summer fitness classes have continued to run this summer, we expect enrollment to pick up again for the fall sessions.

The Tuesday night and daytime children concerts have been heavily attended this summer! Additionally, our Dive in Movie (Jurassic Park) hit capacity within 45 minutes of opening the gate, and remained that way until after 10pm!

We have been busily planning the expansion of fall programming, starting in Mid-September. Registration will open the middle of August through our MyRec online portal.

Other:

- Summer Concert Series Tuesday @ 7pm: Town Hall Gazebo June 28- August 23
- Children's Concert Series Tuesday @ 10am: Twin Brooks Park June 28 – August 9
- Dive in Movie: August 9 The Little Mermaid @ dusk: Tashua Knolls Pool
- Arts Festival September 18 @ 10am-4pm: Town Hall Green



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

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Ranger Division July 2022 Report**

Commissioners,

This report is a summary of the Ranger Division activities for the July 2022. Summer activities were at its busiest. The parks and Rails 2 Trails maintained a high level of attendance, even with a late July heat wave. There was an increase of swimming and littering activity at the Quarry Rd area. Ranger patrols was increased and verbal education and warnings were given, this will continue throughout the remainder of the Summer. Rangers continued with daily duties of patrolling the parks, unlocking facilities, monitoring the fields for adherence with the Field Use Policy, maintaining a security presence, and parking enforcement.

In July, Rangers responded and took 81 written reports for issues such as, Non Swimming Area, Ads and Solicitation, Safety Hazard, Damage to Park Property, Injury on Park Property, Dogs off Leash, and Littering. There were 106 parking violations issued, 17 written parking warnings and 7 Written Warnings.

There were 6 permitted events which included a baby shower, birthday partys, and picnics. Rangers checked the pavilions before the use to make sure it is ready to use and after to make sure permit holders followed the clean up policy. They also opened the bathrooms before the event and secured after.

Ranger Ken finished Initial Ranger Training and is now working regular shifts. In the middle of August there will be 4 rangers departing for othe jobs and returning to school . We welcome Full Time Ranger Dave Durand to our Division.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman
Chief Park Ranger