Agenda
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, September 14, 2026

Call to Order

Public Comment

1. Lauren Vitola – Pickleball Tournament (September 16th) – **Request cancelled**

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence - Attached

Old Business

1. Recreation Basketball
2. Notre Dame Field

New Business

1. Request for the Addition of a Tennis Practice Wall

Superintendent's Report

Division Reports

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Adjournment

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Correspondence

1. My name is Lauren Vitola, and I am a physical therapy student at Sacred Heart University. We have previously hosted a pickleball tournament at Tashua the last 2 semesters as a social/integrative event between the physical therapy cohorts (previously organized by ashleigh johnson) and we were hoping to host another one for the program on Wednesday 9/16 around 5pm. The previous tournaments have been about 30-34 teams and we have reserved 5-6 courts if that is possible. Please let me know if you need any more information from me and let me know as soon as you can if we can make this event possible.

   Thank you! Lauren Vitola

2. Request for the Addition of a Tennis Practice Wall to Our Town Parks

   Dear First Selectman Tesoro,

My name is Lexi Schlaeger, daughter of Marshall Marcus and I am writing to respectfully request that the town consider adding a tennis practice wall to one of our local parks. The town of Monroe has one as well as Bridgeport in which I don't have a parking sticker for. I often pay to enter their parks just to use the tennis wall for a few hours a week.

A tennis wall would be a relatively simple and affordable addition that could provide significant benefits to residents of all ages and skill levels. It would give children, teenagers, adults, and families a convenient place to practice tennis without needing a partner or a scheduled court time. It could also encourage more residents to become active and participate in a healthy outdoor activity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the work you do to make our town a welcoming, active, and beneficial place for everyone in our community.

3. Recreational Basketball Program

Comment: K. Bellows – These are good suggestions but a lot of them depend on gym space and additional time for the groups to be able to play. DM: I fully understand but as a tax payer and parent to 2 students we need to find a way to better utilize our facilities in the cold winter months. I know that this isn't a parks and rec decision but happy to reach out to the board of ed. I would also ask Vicki to weigh in as well.

Response: D. Paris – A lot of the complaints are around there not being enough professional presence at the games. Changing the structure of the program as it stands is not easy to do. There is no "one" agreed upon standard, so we have aligned our program with fun and simplicity. This should not be confused with travel basketball or leagues. DM: I am happy to help here and I'm sure other coaches would be as well. This is not about creating a travel environment. My son plays little league (rec) and travel baseball. There is a huge difference but they both are competitive and fun. Rec should be about development but still no one likes losing every game.

Question: D. Kroszner – Are you able to talk to the skills assessment? It seems like there have been teams where they are all skillful players where others lose every game. I do not think it needs to be competitive, but keeping the recreation league is important. DM: Simple enough, ask the coaches! Schedule a time with 4 stations that the coaches can help setup with volunteers running. Each kid gets a number and dribbles, shoots, passes. Then you just institute a draft. Trumbull little league does this and I can help to setup a quick call on how they run evaluations and draft.

Response: D. Paris – It is time consuming, but it also makes it subjective. There is also an issue when there are groups of friends that want to play together. We are willing to explore structural changes. We will have to have more of a presence to see what is and what is not working during the season. What would the commission like to see in Recreational Basketball 2027? DM: I don't think it would take a lot of time and again talk to the coaches. I've been coaching for the last few years and know what works and doesn't, as do the other coaches. I get that friends like to play together but every other rec sport operate in an evaluation or random draw order after 2 grade.

Meeting Minutes
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Trumbull Town Hall
Regular Meeting - Monday, August 10, 2026

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Jonathan O'Brien, Rodney Arganese, Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner, Art Bradshaw
Absent: 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. Carissa Gulyas and Stefania – Old Dyke Road – Private Beaches Pool Use Request – Representing the home school association for St. Theresa's School. Looking to do a "field trip" to Beaches Pool for a private event. Looking for the end of the school year (weekday) 2027 (potentially June), 5th to 8th grade students (15-20 kids per grade).

   Response: D. Paris – We have had this in the past with different schools in town with the Trumbull Board of Education. Logistics would need to be ironed out with the Recreation Department if approved by the commission. The school would have to pick up the costs to have the lifeguards. We would have to be aware of the date to prepare for the opening of the pools next season, taking out of winterization.

   Make a motion to add to the public comment.
   Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by R. Arganese, Unanimous Vote

2. Susan G – Old Dyke Road - We have been before the commission multiple times and most recently, we had an issue with what we think were fireworks. We are concerned with safety, especially when there is a major leaf pile. By the time the police officers arrive, the people causing the trouble are gone. Hoping for this group to request funds to add a way to close this area off.

   Response: D. Paris – Myself and the town engine have been tasked to come up with various concepts to close off that area of the park. We are going to come up with a design, figure out the cost and present to the Town Council.

Motion to return to the Meeting
Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by M. Travisano, Unanimous

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to Approve June Meeting Minutes
Motion by N. Walsh, 2nd by B. Pine, Unanimous

Correspondence – Attached

Old Business

1. Basketball Hoop at Unity Park – We are unable to remove the current hoop because it is poured in with the pickleball court surface. Are we able to remove the pole, as suggested in the correspondence?

   Response: D. Paris – We may be able to cut down that pole so that it would be lower than the fence line. Beyond that, we would need to see what would be involved in flushing it out at grade. I will look into this.

   Question: N. Walsh – I guess there's an issue with Island Brook being very busy, do the rangers check park stickers?

   Response: D. Paris – Yes of course. There are many places to play basketball.

Motion to hear new business
Motion by R. Arganese, 2nd but D. Kroszner, Unanimous Vote

New Business

1. Beaches Pool Rental

Motion to allow the HSA to use the Beaches Pool at the availability of the Parks and Recreation Department in June 2027, paying all fees as presented by the department.
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by A. Bradshaw, Unanimous Vote

2. Portable Restroom Correspondence
   Response: D. Paris – This was not the place the restroom should have been placed, it should have been placed closer to the trail. We will be sure to keep a closer eye on the placements of these when they are delivered. There was one that was washed away down the river because of the storms and flooding.

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Response: J. O'Brien – I think going back to a draft would be a good idea.

4. Comment: D. Paris – Notre Dame Baseball Field - I was contacted by Notre Dame as they were going to lose their baseball field and will have no place to play. Initially, they were looking for somewhere to play as a Group 10 (not a part of our standard organization), but it then became obvious they would not get enough field time due to the Hillcrest rebuild and loss of fields there. Indian Ledge 4 was built when we reconfigured the roads, we were able to grow grass on this field and there is drainage. Using it as a soccer field did not work, and we were able to bring the field back to an "operational state." I connected with the Survey Dept., and it does have the capacity to develop into a field. My proposal is to pursue an arrangement with Notre Dame to develop Indian Ledge 4. There is no schedule, no commitments, etc right now.

   Question: M. Travisano – Would they be paying for the development of the field?

   Response: D. Paris – It could be an investment, and they could get field time for this. It's similar to Little League and how they've developed Unity Park. If the idea went forward, it would be defined as "early spring" and when the availability would be there. Past the season, the field *could* be used for other groups. As the superintendent, could imagine a situation like this would be a benefit for the town if the conditions are suitable?

   Question: A. Bradshaw – are water and sewer near by?

   Response: D. Paris – Water is there but sewer is not. Port-a-johns?

Motion to approve Indian Ledge 4 concept for development by Notre Dame.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by M. Travisano
7 votes to approve (K. Bellows, M. Travisano, D. Kroszner, J. O'Brien, A. Bradshaw, B. Pine, R. Arganese)
1 vote against the motion (N. Walsh)

Superintendent's Report - Attached to agenda

Division Reports - Attached to agenda

Comment: B. Pine – Old Mine had 25 parking tickets, is there still an issue with materials?

Response: D. Paris – The material was removed from the lot, so there are no obstructions.

Kathy McGannon – Jackson Drive – there is a mention of the pools closing and reduced hours. While we understand lifeguards are an issue and many go back to school. Vicki has been working with D. Paris to find ways to keep Tashua Pool open until Labor Day. We are hoping that students at the local colleges will sign up for some hours.

Motion to adjourn
Motion by R. Arganese, 2nd by J. O'Brien, Unanimous Vote

Adjournment at 8:24 pm

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RECREATION REPORT

September 2026

Our various summer concert series and events during the summer were extremely successful. Beach Memorial Pool had approximately 25,792 visitors, and Tashua Knolls Pool had approximately 9,164 visitors this season for a total of 34,956 patrons! Please note, this is slightly down from the 36,000 patrons in 2024 and 36,990 patrons that visited in 2025. Additionally, we had a total of 941 guest passes redeemed (included in the total). We are hoping for less stormy weather next summer!

Fall registration is underway! We have multigeneration programs ranging from Yoga to Tennis Lessons and Karate. Trumbull Community Theatre will be holding auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof* in September, with performances scheduled for early December. Youth basketball is set to start Mid-December through Mid-March; registration will start in early October.

Other:

Annual Arts Festival

- September 27, 10am-4pm @ Town Hall Green

Dog Day Festival

- October 3, 11am-2pm @ Unity Park Pavilion

Pumpkin Fest

- Sunday October 25, 10am-1pm @ Town Hall Green

Thursday Trumbull Farmers Market

- Now through October 15, 4-7pm @ Twin Brooks Park (October Markets are 4-6pm).

The Recreation Office will be closed Monday, September 7 and Monday, October 12.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report August 2026

This summer we have experienced frequent rain. Areas that have normally been dry during August have been verdant. This has caused accelerated lawn growth which requires frequent mowing. Weed growth has also been explosive throughout town which additional time has been spent addressing. Some additional highlights:

- The pools have been closed and the winterization process has begun.
- Regular restroom maintenance in all parks. Restrooms are open daily in Twin Brooks, Lower Indian Ledge, Beach Memorial, Unity and Island Brook Park.
- Landscape remediation around the new sidewalks and stairs at Tashua Knolls.
- Tree pruning at Town Hall, Twin Brooks and Unity Park.
- Installation of new traffic control gates at the pavilion lot and beach lot at Twin Brooks Park.
- First supplemental planting at new wildflower meadow near the Brock Street entrance to Twin Brooks Park.
- We have begun restoring the landscape adjacent to the Health Department. The area had become overgrown and littered with grass clippings and brush.

Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

Parks and Recreation Commission
Ranger Division August 2026 Report

Commissioners,

In August, Rangers observed and took **19** reports. At Twin Brooks Rangers Assisted TPD with an E-Bike harassment and altercation, two additional separate E-Bike issues, medical (stung by bee's), Damage to Park Propert(struck gate by motor vehicle), and reported hornets nest. At Unity a business advertisement was removed, storm damage was reported, and rangers discovered littering. At Beach Park Rangers assisted EMS with an injury on town property and a Ranger came upon a bike accident on Beach Memorial Drive, TPD and TEMS were called.On Rails to Trails Rangers assisted TPD with swimmers in the river. At Abraham Nichols Rangers observed apple picking. At Great Oak a fallen tree across a trail was reported. A ranger assisted TPD with an issue at the Old Mine Counseling Center, and reported a tree down across a trail.

There were **213** parking violations issued, **9** written parking warnings and **02** Infractions

Parking Violations by park		Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks	141	06
Old Mine	14	01
Indian Ledge	17	00
Island Brook	00	00
Unity	07	00
Beach	33	02
Nothnagle	01	00
Tashua Knolls	00	00
Rails to Trails	00	00

Total Year Violations **1690** Written Parking Warnings **137** Infraction Warnings **34**

Special Events/Pavilion
Old Mine- Family Reunion, Birthday Party, Neighborhood Reunion, Baby Shower, Family Picnic
Unity- Family Gathering, 2 Family Reunions, Bridal Shower, Picnic
Kaechele- RC Aircraft Operation

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger