Agenda
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, October 19, 2026

Call to Order

Public Comment

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence - Attached

Old Business

New Business

Superintendent's Report

Division Reports:

Recreation - "Open Gym has started, we had very low enrollment for the first session. Feedback is that November/December should pick up as fall sports will be over."

Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
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Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Rodney Arganese, Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner, Art Bradshaw
Absent: Jonathan O'Brien, Steve Gardiner
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, Matt D'Amico – Asst. Superintendent of Parks

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Suspend the meeting for public comment

Public Comment

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

Motion to approve addition to public comment.
Motion by B. Pine, 2nd by R. Arganese, Motion Passed

2. Jen Lindade, 16 Oriel Circle – CT Rush for Columbus Day Weekend field use (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with Monday rain date) at Indian Ledge and Trumbull High School for U-8 to U-15 boys and girls. We have sent applications for the fields to Fire Marshalls office, Board of Education, EMS as needed. The tournament is not only held in Trumbull, but we would like to have as many fields as possible.

   Comment: K. Bellows – We cannot approve on anything more than the idea because the Parks and Recreation Department has the schedule.

Motion to return to regular meeting.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by B. Pine, Motion Passed

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept August meeting minutes.
Motion by N. Walsh, 2nd by D. Kroszner, Motion Passed

Correspondence - Attached

Old Business

1. **Recreation Basketball**
   Comment: K. Bellows – Recreation basketball has gotten so popular that there is a proposal with Human Resources to have a lesson between the town and Recreation Department to be at games, etc. But if someone can be there and give guidance, that will take a lot of stress off the Recreation Department. Unfortunately, the issue is gym time. A gym has been secured for open gym time at Tashua(?) with a sign-in sheet (showing i.d.).

Response: M. D'Amico – Looking to hire someone to keep everything organized and help to run the program. The official job has not been posted yet, but the goal is to have it ready for this coming season.

Question: B. Pine – How young does this go or how many divisions are there?

Response: D. Kroszner – It goes as young as kindergarten/first grade.

2. **Notre Dame Field**

Comment: K. Bellows – The school has committed to fencing, dug outs, electricity for press box (and irrigation?). The contract will come through us first, then move through the other town channels if we approve.

Comment: M. D'Amico - Vicky and George have been talking about this

Question: R. Arganese — is there any conversation about the use?

Response: K. Bellows – In discussion thus far, they were only looking to use it during the high school baseball season. D. Paris asked that the fencing in the outfield be temporary so that other groups can use it.

Question: B. Pine – is Sacred Heart going to be using this since they own Notre Dame? Does the high school have the funds to do this, or will Sacred Heart be funding so they can use it? Are they going to be subject to the field rates, or no since they are paying? Are we going to be responsible for maintaining the fields or will the school do this? Why haven't they asked any other towns?

Response: K. Bellows - That is a question I had as well. They would probably be front-loading the costs of the field use. There will be contracted language that we will review and approve or deny. All questions the contract will need to address.

3. **Litter in parks**

Comment: D. Kroszner – Following up on the garbage and issue of it at Island Brook.

Comment: K. Bellows – We had made a motion and approved for added signage to remind everyone to pick up their trash.

4. **Old Dyke Road**

Comment: K. Bellows – The engineers have the information and are trying to get a number on costs and sub out a solution (paving, gates, etc).

5. **Electric Bikes**

Comment: K. Bellows – In the town parks commission by-laws, there is language about "no motorized vehicles allowed in the parks" which could give leeway to remove those bikes from our parks. Recently, the town council did add a by-law that e-bikes and scooters are not allowed in the parks.

New Business

1. **Trumbull United Tournament (Columbus Day Weekend)**

Comment: M. Travisano – I think we should go with what has been approved.

Comment: R. Arganese – I was looking at permits (for Trumbull United) and what has been reserved. It looks like they have enough room. There are requests for

Comment: K. Bellows – I'm surprised that we have not heard anything from the office about this.

Motion to approve the Columbus Day Weekend CT Rush Soccer Tournament subject to the field availability as well as the fees outlined in the Tournament classification set forth in the Field Use Policy.
Motion by D. Kroszner, 2nd by N. Walsh, Motion passed

2. **Request for the addition of a tennis practice wall.**
   Comment: K. Bellows – We have had these in the past in the parks, but they fell to disrepair and were removed (Unity & Tashua). I spoke with D. Paris, if we were to do it now, it would require flat footing and end up being a large expenditure. This has been the only request I have seen. We can look into this request and where we could do it for a lower cost.
   Response: M. D'Amico – It would need to be done correctly and unfortunately; they are magnets for graffiti.

Superintendent's Report

Comment: M. D'Amico – There has been a lot of rain, and we are doing a lot of mowing. The weed growth has also been aggressive. Gates were placed at Twin Brooks Park where the water flows over the road after heavy rain. Planted several native plants in the circle at Twin Brooks, but trying to manage the weeds in that spot.

Response: M. Travisano – How was the park with the rain yesterday?

Response: M. D'Amico – The park was flooded but seems fine at this point.

Division Reports

Motion to adjourn.
Motion by D. Kroszner, N. Walsh, Motion Passed

Adjournment at 8:04 PM

RECREATION REPORT

October 2026

Fall programming is in full swing. We have multigeneration programs ranging from Yoga to Tennis Lessons and Karate. Trumbull Community Theatre held 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 began for grades K-5 with 174 participants already registered. Per parental requests, we will be holding registration for grades 6-12 after the school team tryouts have occurred. Additionally, we are currently accepting applications for Score Keepers, Referees, and the new Basketball Coordinator position.

The inaugural Dog Day Festival on October 3 was overwhelmingly successful! We partnered with TAG (Trumbull Animal Group) and were supported by our Presenting Sponsor, Choice Pet of Trumbull. Hundreds of dogs and their guests enjoyed three hours of activities, vendor exhibits, and family entertainment. The annual Arts Festival took place on the rescheduled date of October 11. We originally had 55 artisan vendors, but with the new date and inclement weather only 27 were present. Additional entertainment was provided throughout the day at the gazebo and 4 food trucks were onsite.

Other:

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 October 12, November 11, and November 26-27.