Meeting Minutes
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, **March 9,** 2025

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Jonathan O'Brien, Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, M. D'Amico – Asst. Superintendent
Absent: Nancy Walsh, Rodney Arganese

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Suspend the meeting for public comment

Public Comment

1. Trumbull PD— National Night Out – August 4: Officer Fortunato (Edison Road) and Officer Tantimonico (Edison Road)

   Trumbull PD is requesting use of Indian Ledge Park on August 4th (4:00-8:00PM) for "National Night Out" happening all over the country. This is an event for the public to come out to have fun and meet our officers. The event was at Plaskos last year but was not a big enough area for how popular it was, looking to Indian Ledge for more space. We are hoping to bring in more vendors (DEA, ATF, US Marshalls, etc).

   Question: K. Bellows - Is there a specific area you would like to use?

   Response: Possibly the area used last year for the touch a truck, old millings parking lot. No one would be parking on the grass. Parking in the BMX area to keep traffic away.

2. Trumbull Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC) No.1 Inc. – Touch a Truck – June 20: Firefighter Relkin (White Plains Road) and Umbro (White Plains Road)

   The TVFC is looking to potentially host the second Touch a Truck event at Indian Ledge Park on June 20 (no rain date) from 2:00-9:00 (including set up and breakdown). This event was very successful last year and are hoping for the same response from the public. We did invite local businesses, including a few food trucks and are looking to do the same this year. We do have a request to have CERT present for parking, will also handle our garbage. Looking to use the millings parking lot and potentially use the theater grass for bringing in a helicopter (yet to be determined).

   Question: J. O'Brien – Do you think you'll get more people this year?

Response: We're hoping so. For a first-year event we were incredibly happy with the success.

3. Sara Terry – Spring Fling Fundraiser – May – Cancelled, will reach out in the future.

4. Dan Viera (Sharon Road) & Tyler Feldman (Wakely St, Shelton) – LivFree event with Little League – June 13:

   Looking for Movie Night but changing from Indian Ledge to Unity Park. Hoping to partner with TLL. Still working on this with them and will know Wednesday after their board meeting. The plan is to use fields 4 and 5. Hoping for open play whiffle ball/kickball and show *Sandlot* at the end of the day, start the movie around 8:15 and be done at 10:00 PM. Hoping for some high school volunteers to keep some structure and respect the fields. We would also pay the fees for the grooming as needed.

   Comment: K. Bellows – D. Paris may be concerned with the open play on the fields. We are thinking a max of 3 hours of playtime on each field.

5. Christopher Gombos (Mellard, Fairfield)– BMX Nationals layout & Lap-A-Thon – July:

   A. Looking to have the Nationals again, do not expect any changes to logistics other than adding some "riot fence" where we do not want anyone parking. July 24-26th, 2026 (Thursday through Sunday).
   B. In October we were supposed to do a lap-a-thon. Hoping to do this to support LivFree and all donations will go to them. Looking for July 11 at 10:00 AM to July 12 at 10:00 AM with two-hour time slots. There will be someone on the track for 24 hours straight. 10-15 people total for the overnight walking. Hoping to either do a late second race or move scheduled race to add some excitement. Potentially work with some scout leaders for camping. We will of course have our own crew available like we do for Nationals. Anyone included will need to fill out BMX forms and LivFree forms to cover insurance.

      Question: K. Bellows – What would we do for lighting?

      Response: We would keep the lights low and not use the PA system.

6. Barnum Foundation for Life – Annual Softball Tournament – Cancelled

Make a motion for additional public comment.
Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

7. Louise Perkins – Old Dyke Road – Beaches Pool Lot After Hours Access
   We have been in couch with the commission about the noise and safety concerns. The people trespassing in the after hours lot are causing a lot of issues for the neighborhood. The signage about the cameras discussed at the February 9th meeting – there is no signage up. If this could go up sooner than later, as we are approaching the warmer weather. What will it take for the commission to know if the signage and cameras are working? Trumbull PD was called in December and I'm not sure if anything came of it. I'm not sure when budget planning begins, but maybe it would be worth to add the addition of a gate should the surveillance/signage not be enough of a deterrent.
      Comment: M. D'Amico – I do not personally know how the cameras work. To compare the Franklin Lot to Beaches – they are very different areas, and it is a larger span to cross. The hill to the stop sign does not often make anyone stop. Having something there could be of concern because there is an obstacle to hit and eventually fix, etc.
      Comment: D. Kroszner – I know the signage has been talked about.
         Comment: K. Bellows – the signs are in the works, I confirmed with D. Paris. The cameras are not watched 24/7 but can be re-wound and accessed.
      Response: Should we be reaching out to D. Paris if there are issues?
         Comment: K. Bellows – He should have access to the cameras.
8. Lauren Rodriguez – Fernwood Road – Trumbull Youth Lacrosse Picnic
   A. We have done this for a few years, looking for Saturday June 6, 3-10:00 PM in Indian Ledge. This would be a large event for the players and their families. (Turf, parking lot, 1A and 1B fields).
   B. Looking to hold a lacrosse tournament on Saturday, May 30. We've had this event in Trumbull before (about 4 or 5 years ago), hosting the "Conny" tournament. Expecting about 1500 people (7 towns invited), will be seeking out PD and EMS to be on site during the event. Will be booking food trucks and will have speakers for the events. We understand that some of the. Fields are already blocked for the high school, but they may not be needed.
      Comment: B. Pine – There will be a lot of fields shut down after the last games in May. There will be testing and construction equipment
      Comment: K. Bellows – Have your husband reach out to your Recreation Department.

Comment: M. D'Amico – Reach out to Kyle Griffin for field availability.

9. Allison Henderson – Skating Pond Road – Camp Age Restrictions
   The travel camp is amazing, and the Parks Department does an amazing job with the camps. We are wondering if it's possible to be able to allow grouping to go by grade versus age as some children are being left out or unable to be with their friends.

   Comment: M. D'Amico – It' a maturity thing but is similar to the sports leagues. Trumbull Little League has a cut-off date for the ages/teams. We understand frustrations but there can be a wide range of ages despite the grades.

Make a motion to return to regular meeting agenda.
Motion by B. Pine, 2nd by D. Kroszner
Unanimous Vote

Acceptance of Minutes

Make a motion to accept the February meeting minutes.
Motion by J. O'Briend, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

Correspondence

Comment: K. Bellows - Basketball Season Issue – Noreen did respond appropriately. There is unfortunately no way to make up the games with the space issues. We do not have any say over the Board of Education space. A letter went out to the people sharing concerns.

Response: D. Kroszner – Maybe in the future (if needed) there could be something more proactive or share the information with everyone to avoid confusion.

Comment: K. Bellows – The policy is that people can come and play in open time but there is nothing to dictate who plays.

Old Business

Comment: K. Bellows – Beaches Pool/Old Dyke Road - Signage is in the works and will be incorporated into the kiosk that is being rebuilt. Maybe we can get the sign up ASAP and move it or attach it once the building is done.

New Business

1. Trumbull PD— National Night Out – August 4

Make a motion to approve the "National Night Out" on August 4, contingent upon Indian Ledge availability and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Department.
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by J. O'Brien
Unanimous Vote

2. Trumbull Volunteer Fire Company No.1 Inc. – Touch a Truck – June 20

Comment: M. D'Amico - I have a reservation to the helicopter where there is an irrigation system. Landing on turf could leave impressions from the weight.

Response: A. Relkin – In theory it could land on a parking lot. The grass is a much larger area for the rotors. We would need to consider cleaning the road and prepping it for landing. If I get the helicopter, I could speak with Parks directly, but parking in a lot would be a negative impact.

Make a motion to approve the Touch A Truck event on June 20, contingent upon Indian Ledge availability (including potential for a helicopter) and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Department.
Motion by D. Kroszner, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

3. Dan Viera & Tyler Feldman – LivFree event with Little League – June

Comment: M. D'Amico – They will be subject to field use policies, and grooming.

Make a motion to approve the event on June 13th contingent upon Unity Park availability (including potential for a helicopter) and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Department.
Motion by B. Pine, 2nd by M. Travisano
Unanimous Vote

4. Christopher Gombos – BMX Nationals layout & Lap-A-Thon – July

   Comment: BMX Nationals has already been approved.

   Comment: B. Pine – This event is much smaller than the Nationals and Chris always does a nice job.

Make a motion to approve the "Lap A Thon" on July 11-12 (10:00AM — 10:00 AM) at the BMX track.

Motion by B. Pine, 2nd by D. Kroszner

Unanimous Vote

5. Trumbull Youth Lacrosse – Annual Picnic and Tournament

   A. Comment: K. Bellows – Field use will be at a critical point.

Make a motion to approve the TYL picnic on June 6, contingent upon Indian Ledge availability and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by J. O'Brien

Unanimous Vote

   B. Comment: B. Pine - The tournament (May 30th) should be brought to the Board of Education.

      Response: M. D'Amico – Board of Ed will work with the Parks Department when there are permits. We do not have all the information for the construction and paving. Fields will remain reserved until/if the teams are eliminated from the games.

6. Barnum for Life Foundation – Annual Softball Tournament

Make a motion to approve the Barnum for Life Foundation annual softball tournament in Island Brook Park, contingent upon Indian Ledge availability and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion by D. Kroszner, 2nd by B. Pine

Unanimous Vote

7. Age cut-offs for camps

   Question: J. O'Brien – It is tough for late birthdays, but it's the same thing as Little League.

   Comment: K. Bellows – There is not much we can do for the issue.

   Comment: D. Kroszner – It seems like there is less available for 13+ age kids in town. Has this always been the policy? (K. Bellows – Yes). There are other camps (in other towns) for 10–15-year-olds. It may be worth reconsidering the 13-year-old age group for camps or a cut-off for future years.

Superintendent's Report – Emailed out

Comment: M. D'Amico – There has been a to of snow removal, and we have been doing a lot of work in town hall. Recently put in a requisition for about a dozen trees, waiting to hear back from the state. We are hoping to have an Arbor Day celebration and planting the trees.

Division Reports – Emailed out

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Adjournment at 8:28 PM

Make a motion to adjourn
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by D. Kroszner
Unanimous Vote

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Clerk, Abigail Relkin at abigailrelkin@gmail.com