MEETING MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022

In attendance:
Kevin Bellows, Chairman
Mike Travisano, Vice Chairman
Brian LeClerc
Ken Martin
Jon O’Brien
Ed Ritacco (7:08 p.m.)
Nancy Walsh

Also in attendance:
Dmitri Paris, Superintendent of Parks

Not in attendance:
Bill Brown

Guests:
Chris Gombos, 22 Veres St., Fairfield
Jennifer Iannucci, 46 Driftwood Lane
Richard Post, Sustainable Trumbull

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gombos appeared as a representative of Trumbull BMX to ask for the Commission’s approval to offer overnight RV camping for BMX Nationals on August 18 through August 21, 2022. Wristbands would be issued for those who have permission for overnight camping. Mr. Gombos also provided details about food service and sanitation. The organization is has been actively working with Mr. Paris and the Parks Department on logistics for the event.

Ms. Iannucci appeared to request permission to use Twin Brooks Park for a fundraiser in support of Ukraine on April 9 at 10:00 a.m. Registration and donations will be handled by Ms. Iannucci and her staff at Trumbull Physical Therapy and Wellness. She has been provided a list of needed items by the Ukrainian Society in Southport. Ms. Iannucci projects an attendance of 20-50 people and is not requesting use of any pavilions.

Mr. Post presented Sustainable Trumbull’s proposal to include informational QR codes in park locations. The presentation (attached) included samples of the codes as well as the information contained therein. Many of the codes link back to Town of Trumbull website pages. The codes would contain information
relevant to the physical location, such as historical background, trail maps, and best practices. The codes can be printed in different sizes and media (such as aluminum signage or removable decals).

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

MOTION to accept February 14 meeting minutes made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Travisano. VOTE: 5-0-2 (LeClerc, Ritacco)

Mr. Bellows acknowledged the correspondence from Mr. McKeil regarding the Hardy Lane property. Mr. Martin suggested the email should also be sent to the Land Acquisition committee. The clerk confirmed that Mr. McKeil did indeed copy Land Acquisition on his email.

The commission discussed the request from Mr. Hall on behalf of the BoFish Triathlon to route the kids' race onto Twin Brooks Drive.

MOTION to approve BoFish Triathlon use of Beach Memorial parking area and Twin Brooks Drive made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.

After the vote, it was noted that construction staging in Twin Brooks Park might affect the access on Twin Brooks Drive. The gates will be closed to vehicular traffic, but pedestrians will still be able to access.

MOTION to amend previous to approve volunteer parking at Beach Memorial and invite the tournament organizers to attend the April 11th Commission meeting to provide further details of the intended route of the kids' run into Twin Brooks Park. The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by unanimous consent.

While the Commission agreed that a fundraiser for Ukraine is a timely and worthwhile endeavor, the timing of the request was problematic. In addition to construction staging at Twin Brooks, the Commissioners have additional questions they would like answered. Mr. Paris asked the Commission to consider if there is any responsibility or liability to allowing fundraising efforts without vetting. Mr. Martin noted that another fundraiser using the trail was shut down because no permission has been granted. Mr. Bellows noted the movie night fundraiser at Indian Ledge and the detail with which that request is submitted.

MOTION to deny fundraiser in support of Ukraine made by Mr. Ritacco, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Ritacco both noted that permit requests are typically submitted in advance of and voted on during regular monthly meetings.

MOTION to deny Ms. Iannucci's permit request and invite her to appear at the April 11th meeting to provide further detail made by Mr. Ritacco, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. VOTE: 6-0-1 (Walsh)
Park or Pavilion Permit Request

Submission of this request form does not constitute an approval of the event until you receive a written approval from the Trumbull Parks & Recreation Department.

Applicant Information

Sponsoring Agency (if applicable): Trumbull Physical Therapy Wellness

Applicant Name (must be Trumbull resident): Jennifer Iannucci

Applicant Phone: 203 913-6097

Applicant Email: JenG.TrumbullPTandwellness.com

Applicant Address: 460 Driftwood Lane

City: Trumbull State: CT Zip: 06611

Description of Event

Detailed Description of Event: Fundraiser Walk: Hope for Ukraine

Type of Event: □ Private □ Public □ Fund-Raising

Location: Twin Brooks

Rental Date: April 9th (Sat)

Start Time: 10:00 AM Completion Time: 12:00 PM

Number of People Attending: 20-50 people

Revised 9/28/2020
Sustainable Trumbull QR Sub-Group
Presentation to Parks Commission
March 14, 2020

- QR Group:
  - Nancy Fisher, Mary Isaac, John Massari (donating professional signs), Richard Post, Sarah Sterling, Tony Silber

- Purpose:
  - Provide information on-the-spot, at the site you’re viewing:
    - Many interesting & fun aspects of parks, trails, some not well known
    - Info on town buildings, services, best practices, instructions/regulations
    - Trumbull has a lot more to offer than many realize
  - Positive feedback from hikers while assessing locations recently

- Town resources needed for QR demo project: **NOTHING**

- Required before proceed with demo: **Requesting permission now**
  - Request approval: Parks Commission, Dmitry Paris, George Estrada, others?
  - Non-town URLs will be approved (also dynamic QRs can redirect URL)

- Schedule: some locations ready to install now (Mar-Apr), others w/o content
• QR what?
  • Square symbol scanned by smartphone with cell tower internet
  • Takes user to website so can view information
  • Widely used
    • Sites on the ground, buildings, product packaging, advertising, TV ads
    • Information - maps, site history, interesting sites, famous trees, historical artifacts, best practices, product instructions, AUDIO FILES, etc.

• QR made?
  • Free services (www.QrMonkey.com for QR demo, "static QR"), others $
  • Full time TMBL QR program use "dynamic QR", redirects if URL changed

  • Simple:

(1) Paste URL

(2) Optional
  (logo, colors, customize symbol)

(3) Generate and download QR file
  (put on QR sign)
QR demo locations:

- Ready to install now / minor changes ➔ [March-April]:
  - Transfer Station - hours, what they take, don’t take
  - Parlor Rock Park - history of the 1800’s park
  - Old Mine Park - site map, some historical info (better map avail.)
  - CC/Sustainable resident survey on multiple locations (also mailed)
    ➔ survey runs Apr 1-15

- Other demo locations finish/upload content ➔ [April-May]
  - Pequannock Valley Trail (PVT) - multiple kiosks, trail map with waypoints
  - Twin Brooks - meadow kiosk, main parking
  - Indian Ledge Park - kiosk(s), trail maps, park usage

- ➔ do we want to add Trumbull logo to center of QRs?

QR locations after demo stage / if Town goes forward: ➔ few ideas last slide
• What’s Next:
  • Permission to proceed with demo QRs
  • QR size & attachment differs depending on space

• Our general style format:

• Feedback from users of demo QRs after installed:
  • Public via Google Group email on all QRs
  • Town management decision \( \Rightarrow \) proceed with larger program? Funding/staff?
(1) Transfer Station

QR Installation:
- Sign: 18 x 24” aluminum
- Can scan from car in entrance (not block Spring Hill Rd.)
- Wire to fence between gates
  - Gates open inward, not block sign

Status:
Ready to Install

Contact Trumbull QR Group with comments & suggestions at:
TrumbullQR@GoogleGroups.com
Transfer Station / Recycling Center

The Transfer Station is a processing site where Trumbull, Monroe, and Monroe residents can bring their local waste and recyclables. Waste is temporarily collected at the Transfer Station before being taken to a disposal site in an incinerator, landfill, hazardous waste, or recycling facility.

The Transfer Station is closed on the following holidays:
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

**Hours of Operation**
The Transfer Station is currently open during regular operating hours:
- Monday to Friday: 7:00 AM to 11:45 AM
- Saturday: 7:00 AM to 11:45 AM

**Unacceptable Materials**
- Liquids
- Propane Tanks
- Rocks, Dirt or Sand

**Recycling at Transfer Station**
No tickets/payment required for Easton and Monroe residents.

**Single Stream Recycling**
The Town of Trumbull is a single stream recycler. All recyclables may be brought to the Transfer Station. Place all residential recyclables over a green wall next to the main building marked “Single Stream Recycling.” Please refer to the Trumbull Single Stream Recycling list for acceptable items. Please flatten boxes and no plastic bags.

**Scrap Metal Recycling**
Place all scrap metal items over the gray wall marked “Metal.”

**Electronic Waste Recycling**
Used electronics are collected in a separate container at the transfer station.

**Additional Items for Recycling**
- Antifreeze
- Car Batteries
- Cooking Oil
- Motor Oil
- Place all items inside the main building.

**Organic Material**
- Grass
- Leaves (Town residents: free; Commercial: tickets are $35 each, available at the Public Works Administration Building)
- Tree Limbs (four feet long and six-inch diameter)
- Twigs
- Weeds
- The Transfer Station does not accept any organics at Monroe or Easton.

**Tires**
The cost of tire disposal is $2 per tire.

**Paint Disposal**
Learn how to properly dispose of paint and paint cans.

**Single Stream Recycling in Curbside Bins**
Please refer to the Trumbull Single Stream Recycling list for acceptable items. Please flatten boxes and no plastic bags.

If greater capacity is needed, additional Recycling Blue Bins may be purchased at the Highway Department for $5, exact cash or credit card only accepted.

The Highway Department is located at 366 Church Hill Road and is open between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, telephone the Highway Department at 203 452 5070.

**Christmas Tree Disposal**
The Town does not pick up “live” Christmas trees curbside. They should be taken by your trash hauler, or they can be brought by the homeowner to the TE&M Transfer Station on Spring Hill Road.

Trumbull residents may bring “live” Christmas trees to the TE&M Transfer Station on Spring Hill Road for free disposal.

Please note that trees should not be in plastic bags and all decorations such as tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed.

Alternatively, you may directly contact your residential trash hauler to ask if arrangements can be made through them for curbside pick-up of “live” Christmas Trees.
(2) Historic Parlor Rock Park

**Status:**
Ready to Install

**QR Installation:**
- Sign: 18 x 24” aluminum
- Screw to wood fence using tamper resist screws

**Parlor Rock Park**

- Amazing park history
- One of 1st amusement parks
- Visitors arrived by train
- Tracks removed for our trail

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THE PARLOR ROCK STORY

By Wayne Sakal

Long before Disneyland and EPCOT center, there was Parlor Rock. Built through the forces of nature and developed by an abandoned railroad company, Parlor Rock became a popular picnic grove and one of the country's first amusement parks. This once popular turn-of-the-century destination faded into oblivion to be forgotten in the flow of time. How is it that Trumbull, Connecticut boasted an entertainment complex before the rest of the country discovered the importance of such an industry? What was it like? What did it look like? Why was it built?, and why did it vanish from existence?

On November 20th, 1797 the Town of Trumbull was incorporated. As the Town grew and developed, the land began to be restructured by man. The Indians who existed with nature relinquished their ten thousand year rein to a people who will alter the land. Industry sprang up along the Pequonnock River where its power could be harnessed. The forest was converted into farm land. Taverns, mills, mines, factories and stores were added to the topography.

The original Indian trails were expanded into roads to criss cross from farm to farm. Turnpikes enabled farmer's to get products to market. To change the land as we described, required long hours of work from sunrise to sunset. As work expanded, there was always a need to escape the chores of the day.

There was a secret location of paradise that the youth knew of. Hidden within a hemlock forest, all backwoods trails would lead to Parlor Rock. On a hot summer day you could hear the roar of the water rushing across the rocks. You walk barefoot across the rock and take the plunge into the ice cold New England waters. A simple rope tied to a tree became the most exacerbating thrill known of the period. From the of swimmin' hole you can look up at Parlor Rock as it towers up towards the rays of the sun...
(3) Temporary On-Line Survey
Conservation Comm. & Sustainable Trumbull
On-line survey April 1-15, 2022

QR Purpose: gets more people to on-line survey, survey also on social media
Survey Purpose: feedback from residents to prioritize our actions
Survey Results: automatically compiled & sorted by metrics

Sustainable Trumbull
Survey for Trumbull Residents

SCAN ME FOR:
• Take a short survey (10 questions)
• Help set priorities for Trumbull
• Available April 1 – 15, 2022
• We want to hear from anyone who lives, works or plays in Trumbull
• Thank you for taking the survey

Contact Trumbull QR Group if you have problems or comments at:
TrumbullQR@GoogleGroups.com

QR Installation:
• Multiple parks & trails kiosks, library, buildings
• Sign material:
  • Outside: (pending)
  • Inside: printer paper
• Signs removed after survey
• Keep record of locations

Status: Ready to Install
Town Priorities

This survey gathers information on the priorities of people who live and work in Trumbull like you. Any answers are anonymous.

Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more

* Required

What should be the Town of Trumbull's top priorities? Choose up to 3 *

- Social resources (Youth and Senior programs, library, pools)
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources (parks, open space, trees)
- Schools
- Street repair & maintenance
- Affordable housing

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Google Forms
(4) Old Mine Park

**Status:**
Recommend upload better map

**QR Installation:**
- Kiosk by parking lot @ Old Mine trailhead
- 8”w x 6”ht decal

**OLD MINE PARK**

**SCAN ME FOR:**
- TRAIL MAPS
- HISTORY
- INFORMATION

Contact Trumbull QR Group with comments & suggestions at:
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Will use more detailed map on updated URL
Old Mine Park

CURRENT Content: recommend better map ➔ next page

Park Address
123 Old Mine Rd
Trumbull, CT 06611

Trumbull Health Department
335 White Plains Road
Trumbull, CT 06611
(203) 452-1030
www.trumbull-ct.gov/THD

Public Health

Trumbull Treks

Legend
- Park
- One Mile (1.6 km)
- Orange Trail (2.4 km)
- Pequot River Trail

Old Mine Park is tucked away in the corner of route 111 and settled against the Pequonnock River. This land previously named by Indians, the "Sagawamps," was valuable to them due to the immense amount of quartz found here. Quartz was used to make miscellaneous tools and arrow heads.

By the early 1800s word of the mines had reached Dr. Benjamin Silliman of Yale College. He visited the site and identified various minerals as topaz and tungsten. More than 50 years later in 1897 the Tungsten Mining and Milling Company was established on site. A few short years later the company declared bankruptcy due to their inability to remove pyrite from the tungsten. The mine was then taken over by Long Hill Mining Company in 1912.

On May 32, 1916 a suspicious and controversial fire burned down the buildings within the land and ruined the mines. The site was left abandoned and unprofitable only to later be turned over to the town of Trumbull in 1937 for unpaid taxes.

"The Cut" is a large hole located in the park that is roughly 100 feet long, 10 feet wide and 60 feet deep. It sits today as the remaining cavity of what was a large vein of quartz. Today you will find a safety fence surrounding the area. But long before a Bridgeport man fell into the hole and was stuck there for more than 24 hours before rescue efforts were initiated. Animals did not fare so lucky and often animal carcasses could be seen on the bottom.

The Tunnels - Several tunnels can be seen within the park which were dug to search for white quartz rock that contained tungsten. Most have collapsed today, some during the fire of 1916. The only remaining tunnel was dug for the storage of explosives but is off limits to the public for safety reasons.

Old Mine Park Archeological site was added in 1990 to the National Register of Historic Places.

Many thanks to the Trumbull Historical Society and the Town of Trumbull Parks Department.

"The Cut"
(5) Pequonnock Valley Trail (PVT) multiple kiosks

**Status:** Upload content 1-3 maps

**QR Installation:**
- Kiosk at PVT trail head in Trumbull Center, above “empty” map box:
  - 6” x 8” aluminum
- Additional kiosks with larger space
  - 18” x 24” aluminum
- Same QR URL for all locations
- Fasten with tamper resist screws

**QR:**
See next page recommendation
(one QR link for 1-3 maps)

Also other kiosk locations along trail
QR Link Choices:
A. Preferred: QR link to one URL, user selects desired map(s)
B. Alternative: URL with 1 map - use #1

PVT Recommended Content (pending decision, confirm permission)

(1) Best single map
Trails, topography, scenic spots


(2) Land surface map
Trails, land regions (geomorphology)

http://www.vizettes.com/pequonnockvalley/maps/trailmaps/PValley-Trailmap-regions.htm

(3) Interesting useful
Old sketched trail map
Trumbull Times annual hike, ca 1990


Map links from Mary Isaac
(6) Twin Brooks - meadow parking lot

(1) Kiosk at meadow trail head

QR Installation:
- (1) Kiosk at meadow trail head:
  - 6” x 8” aluminum or 18x24” hanging on eye screws below
- (2) fence by trail near playground
  - 18” x 24” aluminum
- (3) 18” x 24” aluminum on empty kiosk
  - Fasten with tamper resist screws

Status:
Need content & upload

Researching maps, eco info, meadow, invasive/native plants, etc
(7) Indian Ledge Park

Status: Need content & upload

QR Installation:
• Kiosk by parking lot near playground, trail head
  • 12” w x 18” aluminum
• Other Indian Ledge locations TBD

Researching good trail maps, playground use, etc
Other Possibilities for QR Signs

- How many people do not know about Trumbull:
  - There is a cow crossing at rails to trails.
  - Rails to trails was a railroad from Bridgeport to Parlor Rock to Newtown.
  - History of Nero Hawley - apartments proposed at the Hawley House on Daniels Farm Road discussed ways to highlight history
  - Sikorsky site by Historical Society (Igor lived in Trumbull at one time)
  - Town tree plan & homeowners rights about UI cutting trees
- More Trail maps for hikers, mountain biking & what can/can’t do - no need to stuff map boxes at trail kiosks
- Historical Society artifacts inside & outside
- Riverside Cemetery
- CC / IWWC - best practices for homeowners, ecological site examples
- Educate people about:
  - Invasive species and native plants - QR where plants can be viewed
  - Best practices near lakes/streams, invasive / native plants
  - Building, zoning, wetlands reg’s, forms, best practice - QRs in Town Hall