Meeting Minutes
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday, May 11, 2026

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Jonathan O'Brien, Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner, Art Bradshaw
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, Kyle Griffin – Park Ranger
Absent: Rodney Arganese & Steve Gardiner

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Suspend the meeting for public comment

Public Comment

Raffaele Baggi, Pumpkin Hill Road – RC flying at Indian Ledge – Interested in being able to fly RC Airplanes at Indian Ledge Park. Went to visit the park based on information on the AMA website, was directed to the commission to ask about obtaining a permit. The field beyond where the Easter Egg Hunt looks to be the best spot to potentially fly.

> Response: N. Walsh – We had a club at one point that used to fly on Sunday mornings.
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> Response: K. Bellows – A number of people would also fly at Madison (Ketchel Field) and might be the better option due to how busy Indian Ledge Park. It would be all based on timing because no one can be underneath where the planes are flying. The standard had been Sunday mornings but the winter availability was more open.
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> Response: K. Griffin – It would be best to schedule in when you'd like to fly to make sure you aren't interrupted or interrupting anything. You can send an email to Recreation to ask about making a schedule at Ketchel since the only activity happening at the field.

Make a motion to add to public comment
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by J. O'Brien
Unanimous Vote

Ed Baureman – Booth Hill Road – Unity Park Pickleball Courts – We are so appreciative of the courts in this park and they are so well used. The court 3 fence has been damaged, and has created a 6 inch gap in the corner. The balls will go through the fence and off the court. Can there be a fence built to fix this or something be done in the meantime? Could I place

something there in the mean time – a plastic netting that I can put up while there? I'm happy to do it in a way that is safe

Response: K. Bellows – I received an email from JP and sent information to D. Paris. He is aware of the issue and it as been added to the budget proposal. It will be repaired and they may try to do a quick fix in the meantime. Can it be put up on the outside of the fence?

Response: B. Pine – We seem to have vandalism in that area and it's possible that it was vandalized.

Comment: K. Bellows – D. Paris seemed to think it was poor craftsmanship from when it was installed.

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Acceptance of Minutes

Make a motion to approve the April meeting minutes.
Motion by D. Kroszner, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

Correspondence – Attached to Agenda

Old Business

- Question: D. Kroszner - Signage at Beaches Pool area for trash and littering – Have we gotten anywhere with the signage? I'm already seeing an increase in the litter.
    - Response: K. Bellows – D. Paris did state that he forgot about this but he will add them to the other signs he is working on.
- Question: N. Walsh – I saw something about a skateboarding group?
    - Response: K. Griffin - Former Park Ranger has a group that recently started for kids to join and learn about skate boarding. There are about 6 or 7 people signed up.

New Business

- D. Kroszner – A neighbor mentioned there is no ADA parking spot in Island Brook Park. If someone is coming and is limited in mobility, it makes it difficult for them to be there.

- Response: K. Bellows – I checked on this and there are no lines in the parking lot at all. This will be addressed and there will be parking spaces including ADA parking.

- Fishing Derby
  - Comment: K. Bellows – There was a fishing derby each year at Twin Brooks and someone from the Jane Ryan Father's Club is asking to do this this year. This might be better to do at Old Mine considering the pond is stocked.
    - Response: M. Travisano – This was at the VFW when it was hosted.

Make a motion to approve a Fishing Derby for Jane Ryan's Father Club at Old Mine Park pending approval on time and date from the Recreation Departmen.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

- RC Flying Request

Make a motion to approve a permit for AMA certified RC flying at fields based on availability and under the guidelines (time and place) of the Recreation Department.
Motion by N. Walsh, 2nd by B. Pine
Unanimous Vote

- Parking Stickers in Twin Brooks
  - Comment: K. Bellows – The letter (correspondence) highlighted some frustrations.
    - Response: K. Griffin – This is not a non-residence vs residence issue. Out-of-towners are able to purchase stickers and visit our parks. Also, with fishing licenses, you are not required to have a sticker to fish in the park because it is a state-stocked park. We do ask those individuals to go to the Recreation Department to get a sticker or hang tag for free (by showing fishing permit), which is limited to parks and fishing season.
      - Question: K. Bellows – do you think a part of the issue is that other towns only require stickers between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
        - Response: There is signage that highlights the sticker requirement. It can be confusing so we can likely update the verbiage when we get the new signs.

- Gabi Longobardo – 5K Trail Run Fundraiser Request
    - Comment: K. Bellows – this was pushed off to June 20, 2027.
        - Response: N. Walsh – There was concern that this wouldn't be the safest option. And based on her letter it doesn't seem as though she's heard much in response.
            - Response: K. Bellows – We asked her to get the approval from EMS, etc when sharing the idea and to then contact the Parks and Recreation Department. We were cautious about the idea because of the small trails and difficulty getting emergency vehicles into the trails if necessary. At this point, it is with the Recreation Department to approve. To shut down the entire park would be costly, plus staffing rangers. D. Paris feels it will be much easier to have on the rails to trails.
                - Comment: K. Griffin – I'd be hesitant to have this event in Twin Brooks. Adding another event would also cause an issue with the parking problems we're already having. We'd need to shut down the park completely which can be costly.
    - Comment: M. Travisano – We should request she come back to share what she has learned from EMS/insurance/etc.
        - Response: N. Walsh – Someone in the Parks and Recreation Department needs to respond.
    - Question: B. Pine – Could we offer the cross country trail?
        - Response: K. Bellows – It's a short trail, I'm not sure that's what she would be looking for.

Superintendent's Report – Emailed Out

Division Reports – Emailed Out

Comment: K. Griffin – Snapping turtles and raccoons are back for this time of the year. We are assisting PD with e-bikes on the trails and kids speeding. Did assist PD with an intoxicated male on the playground at twin brooks. There was an issue with someone cutting flowers, which has been an issue in the past too.

Question: K. Bellows – how many rangers are there? How many are doing rounds? How long does it take to get around everywhere?

Response: I think about 14 rangers. We have one on each end but we do try to put more people on for busier times (spring/summer

mornings). Just driving through and looking takes about an hour. If we're getting out of our cars and checking different areas, it will take much longer.

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Make a motion to adjourn
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by A. Bradshaw
Unanimous Vote

Adjournment at 8:03 PM

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