

MEETING MINUTES
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Thursday, June 18, 2020
Meeting held via Zoom conference call

In attendance:

Kevin Bellows, Chairman
Mike Travisano, Vice Chairman
Bill Brown
Brian LeClerc
Ken Martin
Jon O'Brien
Ed Ritacco
Nancy Walsh

Also in attendance:

Dmitri Paris, Superintendent of Parks
Jill Hiriak, Recreation Program Manager
Bill Chin, Meeting Facilitator
Katie Dunn, Trumbull Community Television

Guests:

Rina Bakalar, Economic Development Director
Chris Gombos, BMX
Robert Murdock, BMX

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

Comments from the public were submitted to the clerk via email and provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting and discussed under the Correspondence section.

MOTION to accept the March 9, 2020, meeting minutes made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Travisano. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Commission received four letters regarding the conditions and availability of pickle ball courts in town.

Under new business, Ms. Bakalar, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Gombos attended to discuss the town's application to host the 2021 BMX National Tournament. The town previously hosted the tournament in 2018. Feedback from local businesses, particularly restaurants, was overwhelmingly positive.

Mr. Paris gave an overview of how his department has been operating under COVID-19 restrictions. The Parks Department used the closing of town fields to make necessary improvements, as well as to get pools operational. Major projects are on hold. Recreation programs are also on hold, however, under

the new state guidelines, the recreation department will be able to run a summer camp. Mr. Paris also discussed operations resuming under budget constraints and with significant operational changes and challenges based on coronavirus guidelines (i.e., opening pools for resident use).

Mrs. Hiriak discussed the return of the men's softball league. They will be meeting soon and hope to be able to start the season by mid-to-late July.

Mr. Paris also addressed concerns about Quarry Road: the parking area will not be open during the summer, Beardsley pump station construction is still underway, and fencing and rock placement are some factors that should discourage gatherings.

MOTION to adjourn, made by Mr. Trivisano, seconded by Mr. LeClerc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.