Meeting Minutes
Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Trumbull Town Hall
Regular Meeting - Monday, August 10, 2026

Present: Kevin Bellows – Chairman, Mike Travisano, Nancy Walsh, Jonathan O'Brien, Rodney Arganese, Bruce Pine, Debra Kroszner, Art Bradshaw
Absent: Steve Gardiner
Also Present: Abigail Relkin – Clerk, Dmitri Paris – Superintendent of Parks

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Suspend the meeting for public comment

Public Comment

1. Carissa Gulyas and Stefania – Old Dyke Road – Private Beaches Pool Use Request – Representing the home school association for St. Theresa's School. Looking to do a "field trip" to Beaches Pool for a private event. Looking for the end of the school year (weekday) 2027 (potentially June), 5th to 8th grade students (15-20 kids per grade).

   Response: D. Paris – We have had this in the past with different schools in town with the Trumbull Board of Education. Logistics would need to be ironed out with the Recreation Department if approved by the commission. The school would have to pick up the costs to have the lifeguards. We would have to be aware of the date to prepare for the opening of the pools next season, taking out of winterization.

   Make a motion to add to the public comment.
   Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by R. Arganese, Unanimous Vote

2. Susan G – Old Dyke Road - We have been before the commission multiple times and most recently, we had an issue with what we think were fireworks. We are concerned with safety, especially when there is a major leaf pile. By the time the police officers arrive, the people causing the trouble are gone. Hoping for this group to request funds to add a way to close this area off.

   Response: D. Paris – Myself and the town engine have been tasked to come up with various concepts to close off that area of the park. We are going to come up with a design, figure out the cost and present to the Town Council.

Motion to return to the Meeting
Motion by J. O'Brien, 2nd by M. Travisano, Unanimous

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to Approve June Meeting Minutes
Motion by N. Walsh, 2nd by B. Pine, Unanimous

Correspondence – Attached

Old Business

1. Basketball Hoop at Unity Park – We are unable to remove the current hoop because it is poured in with the pickleball court surface. Are we able to remove the pole, as suggested in the correspondence?

   Response: D. Paris – We may be able to cut down that pole so that it would be lower than the fence line. Beyond that, we would need to see what would be involved in flushing it out at grade. I will look into this.

   Question: N. Walsh – I guess there's an issue with Island Brook being very busy, do the rangers check park stickers?

   Response: D. Paris – Yes of course. There are many places to play basketball.

Motion to hear new business
Motion by R. Arganese, 2nd but D. Kroszner, Unanimous Vote

New Business

1. Beaches Pool Rental

Motion to allow the HSA to use the Beaches Pool at the availability of the Parks and Recreation Department in June 2027, paying all fees as presented by the department.
Motion by M. Travisano, 2nd by A. Bradshaw, Unanimous Vote

2. Portable Restroom Correspondence
   Response: D. Paris – This was not the place the restroom should have been placed, it should have been placed closer to the trail. We will be sure to keep a closer eye on the placements of these when they are delivered. There was one that was washed away down the river because of the storms and flooding.

3. Recreational Basketball Program
   Comment: K. Bellows – These are good suggestions but a lot of them depend on gym space and additional time for the groups to be able to play.
   Response: D. Paris – A lot of the complaints are around there not being enough professional presence at the games. Changing the structure of the program as it stands is not easy to do. There is no "one" agreed upon standard, so we have aligned our program with fun and simplicity. This should not be confused with travel basketball or leagues.

Question: D. Kroszner – Are you able to talk to the skills assessment? It seems like there have been teams where they are all skillful players where others lose every game. I do not think it needs to be competitive, but keeping the recreation league is important.

Response: D. Paris – It is time consuming, but it also makes it subjective. There is also an issue when there are groups of friends that want to play together. We are willing to explore structural changes. We will have to have more of a presence to see what is and what is not working during the season. What would the commission like to see in Recreational Basketball 2027?

Response: J. O'Brien – I think going back to a draft would be a good idea.

4. Comment: D. Paris – Notre Dame Baseball Field - I was contacted by Notre Dame as they were going to lose their baseball field and will have no place to play. Initially, they were looking for somewhere to play as a Group 10 (not a part of our standard organization), but it then became obvious they would not get enough field time due to the Hillcrest rebuild and loss of fields there. Indian Ledge 4 was built when we reconfigured the roads, we were able to grow grass on this field and there is drainage. Using it as a soccer field did not work, and we were able to bring the field back to an "operational state." I connected with the Survey Dept., and it does have the capacity to develop into a field. My proposal is to pursue an arrangement with Notre Dame to develop Indian Ledge 4. There is no schedule, no commitments, etc right now.

   Question: M. Travisano – Would they be paying for the development of the field?

   Response: D. Paris – It could be an investment, and they could get field time for this. It's similar to Little League and how they've developed Unity Park. If the idea went forward, it would be defined as "early spring" and when the availability would be there. Past the season, the field *could* be used for other groups. As the superintendent, could imagine a situation like this would be a benefit for the town if the conditions are suitable?

   Question: A. Bradshaw – are water and sewer near by?

   Response: D. Paris – Water is there but sewer is not. Port-a-johns?

Motion to approve Indian Ledge 4 concept for development by Notre Dame.
Motion by A. Bradshaw, 2nd by M. Travisano
7 votes to approve (K. Bellows, M. Travisano, D. Kroszner, J. O'Brien, A. Bradshaw, B. Pine, R. Arganese)
1 vote against the motion (N. Walsh)

Superintendent's Report - Attached to agenda

Division Reports - Attached to agenda

Comment: B. Pine – Old Mine had 25 parking tickets, is there still an issue with materials?

Response: D. Paris – The material was removed from the lot, so there are no obstructions.

Kathy McGannon – Jackson Drive – there is a mention of the pools closing and reduced hours. While we understand lifeguards are an issue and many go back to school. Vicki has been working with D. Paris to find ways to keep Tashua Pool open until Labor Day. We are hoping that students at the local colleges will sign up for some hours.

Motion to adjourn
Motion by R. Arganese, 2nd by J. O'Brien, Unanimous Vote

Adjournment at 8:24 pm

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