

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022
6:30 P.M.

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- The meeting shall be recorded and the video shall be posted on the City of Stamford website http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=9
- The Parks & Recreation Commission shall moderate the audio for attendees.
- Attendees shall be on mute and will be unmuted when called to speak by the Commission members.
- Attendees will have 20 minutes to make their presentation or address the Commission.
- Any Attendee wishing to submit materials or a written statement can send it prior to the meeting to lcapp@stamfordct.gov or submit through a Chat message to the Commission Chair during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

- Review of the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Anthony Dukes - *Give Back to Community - May 28, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hatch Field* - Set-up starts at 9:00 a.m. and Clean-up ends at 6:00 p.m. - 70 Total Attendees.

- Rodrigue Anilus - Light and Life Association - *Evangelical Crusade - Sunday, August 28, 2022 to Sunday, September 4, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (each night) at Jackie Robinson Park* - Set-up starts at 7:00 p.m. and Clean-up ends at 11:00 p.m. - 700 Adults and 300 Children.
- Spencer Simmons - Keith Simmons.org - *Give Back - Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lathon Wider* - Set-up starts at 10:00 a.m. and Clean-up ends at 3:00 p.m. - ±50 Total Attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mary Lou Rinaldi on behalf of Sister Gesuina Gencarelli & Sister Enrica Capalbo, School Program Directors - Our Lady of Grace Nursery School & Kindergarten and Villa Divino Amore Preschool:** Request for 25 one-day parking passes for Villa Divino Amore School's Family Picnic on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Cove Island Park and 35 one-day parking passes for Our Lady of Grace School's Family Picnic on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at Cove Island Park.
- **Michael Orgera - Stamford Start Softball League - Troy Field:** Mr. Orgera will make a presentation on the possibility of installing restrooms at the Troy Field complex.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Erin McKenna, Associate Planner, Land Use Bureau - Cummings Park:** Ms. McKenna will provide an update on park projects with regard to the 2015 Master Plan.

TOURNAMENTS:

- No Tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No Correspondence or as may properly be introduced before the Commission.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Kevin Murray, Operations Manager - Parks & Facilities: Parks Update.
- Parks & Recreation Internal Committee Action Report - May 10, 2022 Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- **Melanie Hollas, Commissioner - Various Topics:**
 - **Fort Stamford - The Stamford Garden Club Recognition - Tuesday, July 12, 2022:** See attached photo for replaced concrete bench location and options for plaque locations. Date needs to be verified and confirmed with Mayor's office.
 - **Community Gardens in North Stamford:** Is this considered City park land or is it supposed to be maintained by Smith House?
 - Community Garden Fee / Rules and Regulations.
 - Invasive Species Problem.
 - **Review Parks & Recreation Commission Strategic Goals for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.**
 - Friends Groups Memo / Friends Groups example agreements.
 - Foundation / City website with Friends Groups / City website with correct park information.
 - Update on Invasive Species Consultant RFP - Allocation of money.
 - Review collaborating with the Parks & Recreation Committee, specifically new item on their agenda: *A Study of all City - Parks including How to Utilize the Parks More Efficiently and How the Parks are Maintained.*
 - Sue Halpern, President, South End NRZ and Elise Coleman, Board of Representatives (D-3) have reached out asking if the Commission could look at the City property on Pulaski Street (where a house was removed by eminent domain) to see if it could be turned into a pocket park for more green space in the South End.
- **Application and Waiver Agreement for volunteer groups to work in the City parks.**