

AGENDA
(REVISED MARCH 14, 2023)
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
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:

- **Public Participation Session:** Each individual requesting to speak shall send a Chat Message to the Chair stating their name and address for the record. Public participation comments shall be limited to 3 minutes.
- Review of the February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Hsi Cheng - *School of Visual Arts (New York) - Film Permit - Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Cove Island Park* - Set-up Begins at 9:00 a.m. and Clean-up Ends at 11:00 p.m. - 10 Total Participants.
- Daniel Kromidas - *Vox Church - Community Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Scalzi Park* - Set-up begins at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-up Ends at 1:00 p.m. - 300 Total Attendees.
- John Bysiewicz - *Stamford Boys & Girls Club Corporate 5K - Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Scalzi Park* - Set-up Begins at 4:00 p.m. and Clean-up Ends at 8:00 p.m. - 1,000 Total Attendees.
- David Pellino - *Special Olympics Connecticut - Special Olympics Fall Festival Bocce Tournament - Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Scalzi Park* - Set-up Begins at 8:00 a.m. and Clean-up Ends at 6:00 p.m. - 200 Total Attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Doug Edwards, Board of Directors - Stamford Pickleball Club, Inc.:** Seeking to become a sanctioned organization by the City of Stamford.
- **Scalzi Park:** Discussion to include pickleball permits at the Scalzi Park Hockey Rink. The Parks & Recreation Department feels confident that a large audience can be incorporated to enhance the growth of the sport.
- **Michael Noto - Stamford Little League - Frank Noto Little League Field:** Mr. Noto is requesting approval to replace the existing broken scoreboard, which will require the use of a small bucket truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **John Barrot - Stamford Rugby Club:** Seeking to become a sanctioned organization by the City of Stamford. (*TABLED from the February 15, 2023 meeting*)
- **Sustainable Playing Fields & Playgrounds:** Follow up from October 6, 2022 Special Meeting.

TOURNAMENTS:

- No Tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **David Winston - Cove Island Wildlife Sanctuary (Item Walked On at the February 15, 2023 Meeting & TABLED):** Requesting fifteen (15) parking passes or the 2023 parks season for volunteers working or participating in projects or events in the Sanctuary

STAFF REPORTS:

- Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation: Parks & Recreation Update.

DISCUSSION:

- **Paul Newman - Project Updates:** Courtland Park playground & Barrett Park.
- **Paul Newman - City Website Updates.**
- **Paul Newman - Parks Strategic Plan.**
- **Melanie Hollas - NIPS Fund Update.**
- **Update of Parks & Recreation Commission Strategic Goals for 2023/2024 as follows:**
 - Mr. Newman and Ms. Hollas: Friends Groups.
 - Ms. Hollas: Invasive Species initiative & RFP Update.
 - Mr. Newman: Baseball and field usage.
 - Mr. Tedder and Ms. Katz: Foundation and the City website.
 - Mr. Tedder: Dog Park at Scofieldtown Park.
 - Ms. Adetola and Mr. Murray: Setup of pickleball courts and working with pickleball and tennis players.
- **Application and Waiver Agreement for volunteer groups to work in the City parks.**

ADJOURNMENT