

# **Parks & Recreation Commission**

## **Strategic Goals**

### **2023/2024**

Proposed goals for discussion as follows:

#### **Paul Newman:**

1. Continuation of Current Goals:
  - Friends Group Agreements
  - Invasive Species Control
  - Scofieldtown Dog Park
  - Increase Pickleball Options
2. Citywide Parks Strategic Plan:
  - Move forward on implementation of recommendations
3. Athletic Field Use:
  - Request for additional Cricket Pitch
4. Hardcourt Surfaces:
  - Scalzi Tennis Court Improvements
  - Scalzi Bocce Court

#### **Melanie Hollas:**

5. Friends Groups.
6. Interpretive Signage.
7. Invasive Species and Trees.

#### **Jessie Katz:**

8. Find new community center, possibly Glenbrook. This would avoid renting a religious space and the Board of Finance is complaining about the amount of money they need to spend to lease a facility.
9. Park bathrooms: ADA accessible, open year-round, alternative models like composting.
10. Finalizing our bylaws and addendums (this will take time).
11. Installing water bottle refilling stations in as many parks as possible. (Pilot first round near current/active water lines; explore co-funding models with organizations like Stamford Little League).
12. Best practices/models for playgrounds and parks. (Example: standardized items that must be in parks such as shade, water source, sustainable materials, etc. - Boston has a master list of these).
13. Parks Foundation - Move this forward.