

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024
6:30 P.M.

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 - 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.
 - Any Attendee wishing to submit materials or a written statement prior to the meeting can send it to
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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 December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

- *Speakers from the public will have 5 minutes each to speak.*
 - *Any public speaker wishing to submit a written statement prior to the meeting can send it to Melanie Hollas, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair at mhollas@stamfordct.gov or to Lesley Capp, Assistant to the Parks & Recreation Commission at lcapp@stamfordct.gov or submit the request through a Chat message to the Chair during the meeting.*
 - *During the meeting, please do not send Chat messages to “Everyone” as it is distracting for all attendees.*
 - *Public Speakers calling in will be allowed to speak first. Callers will push “*9” to use the raise hand feature to indicate they would like to speak. Each speaker will clearly state their name and address for the record prior to making any comments.*
 - *Speakers attending online will be allowed to speak second. Those online participants who wish to speak **must** send a Chat Message to the Moderator and the Parks & Recreation Chair with their name and address to sign-up to speak. Speakers will be taken in the order the Chat Messages are received.*
 - *All public speakers shall announce their name and address clearly for the record prior to speaking.*
- **SCOFIELDTOWN PARK DOG PARK:** The Parks & Recreation Commission will consider the installation of a Dog Park at Scofieldtown Park located at Scofieldtown Road and Rock Rimmon Road, Stamford, Connecticut. This is a second Public Hearing for review and comments as the location has been adjusted since being presented to the Commission at the first Public Hearing on October 18, 2023.

REGULAR MEETING TO CONTINUE AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Sam Cleaves - *The HT40 Foundation - Second Annual Shoulder Check Showcase - Thursday, July 25, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Terry Conner Rink (Cove Island Park) - Set-up Begins at 12:00 p.m. and Clean-up Ends at 9:00 p.m. - 2,000 Total Participants.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Erin McKenna, Senior Planner, Land Use Bureau:** Ms. McKenna will make a presentation on the following topics:
 - Invasive Species Consultant status and the 2024/2025 Capital Budget request for additional funds.
 - Status of the RFP for GIS Mapping the City of Stamford Trees.
 - Federal/State Grants the City has received for Trees. Funds allocated for neighborhoods and/or scope of work.
 - Due to the funding from grants and with the GIS tree mapping, is there a need for an Urban Forester?
- **Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations:** Director Quiñones will provide an update on the Strategic Park Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2024-2025 Capital Budget:** Review of requests submitted to the Planning Board. Public Hearing is scheduled for January 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Review of meeting at Rosa Hartman Park.
- **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - Commemorative Plaque at Fort Stamford Park:** Melanie Hollas, Chair; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation and Lindsey Bridenbaker, DAR, along with several other representatives from the DAR, met at Fort Stamford Park on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and agreed upon a location for the plaque commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War. The plaque will be a 24” x 24” bronze plaque mounted on the back of the existing original DAR limestone marker.
- **Field Use Policy:** Review updated charts and proposed survey.

TOURNAMENTS:

- No Tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

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

DISCUSSION:

- Strategic Plan: Transition Committee.
- Environmental Impacts of Balloons and Confetti: Review proposed language from Peter Gould.
- Update on political signs in and around City parks.
- Fiscal Goals.
- Paul Newman, Commissioner: Parks not zoned as parks.
- Paul Newman & Mike Tedder, Commissioners: Update on Policy & Procedures revisions.

ADJOURNMENT