

AGENDA
(REVISED AUGUST 14, 2024)
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024
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
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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
lcapp@stamfordct.gov.

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 July 24, 2024 Special Meeting Draft Minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Glenn Raymond - **Latham Park Comedy Series 2024 - Sunday, September 22, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Latham Park** - Set-up begins at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-up ends at 11:00 p.m. - 300 Total Participants. Mr. Raymond will provide an update from the July 24, 2024 Special Meeting on contacting the Downtown Special Services District.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Kiwanis and Heritage Parks:** Michael Moore, Vice President Operations and Marisa Rogo, Director, Data Analytics & Visualization - Downtown Special Services District will make a presentation on the possible installation of a wayfinding kiosk in each park. The kiosks will display advertisements, transit information, local events, key landmarks and other useful information.
- **Kosciuszko Park:** Sue Halpern, President, South End NRZ and South End resident has made a request that the Parks & Recreation Department install a Blue Light.
- **Cove Island Park:** Kevin Murray, Director Parks & Recreation, will propose ending the Dedication Bench Program and enacting a new comprehensive plan for future bench dedications and placement. (*TABLED from the July 24, 2024 Special Meeting*)
- **Cove Island Park:** HTC40 Shoulder Check event on Thursday, July 25, 2024 approved by Commission. The Chair is requesting the event be removed from the annual event approval list to be re-evaluated. The Commission will discuss how events impact users of the parks and the environment as a grass area was used for parking instead of the parking lot. What was the attendance? What is the amount of money Terry Conner's Rink raised from the event.
- Update on Organic Athletic Field Maintenance Program. (*TABLED from the July 24, 2024 Special Meeting*)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Cummings Park:** Doug Edwards will present a proposal for signage for the pickleball courts.
- **Field Use Policy (*TABLED from the July 24, 2024 Special Meeting*):**
 - Update on League Surveys, Field Use Policy Manual and Sanctioned Leagues.
 - Review Draft language for Moratorium on Sanctioning Leagues

TOURNAMENTS:

- No Tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Toni DeCarlo, President, Soundview Manor Property Owners' Association:** Complaint of constant disturbances in the "Quiet Zone" at Cummings Park after the park has closed.
- **Melanie Hollas, Chair:** Review of the presentation called "Play it Safe: Artificial Turf vs. Grass Playing Fields" requesting a meeting with the City of Stamford to discuss the sand dressed topped natural grass system shown in the webinar.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

DISCUSSION:

- Special Events Permit application process and proposed changes.
- Melanie Hollas, Chair: Review Volunteer Community Group application & agreement.
- Angela Adetola, Commissioner:
 - Update on Stamford Parks Community Partnership & Bylaws.
 - Update on Geographic Information Services (GIS) Mapping.
- Paul Newman & Benjamin Pomerantz, Commissioners: Update on parks not zoned as parks.
- Michael Tedder, Vice Chair & Paul Newman, Commissioner: Policy & Procedure revisions.

ADJOURNMENT

All items on this agenda are noticed for discussion and possible action.