

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 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 October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Lione Park - Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation Planner; Transportation, Traffic & Parking:** Mr. Buttenwieser will present plans for Lione Park redesign work to include relocating current parking lot and park amenities to ensure safety and quality of life concerns, including additional park amenities to activate the park.
- **Mary Ellen Burns, Friends of Mianus River Park:** Ms. Burns will provide an update on the activities of the Friends of Mianus River Park.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't):

- **Betsy Herzog, Resident:** Suggestion for an off-season dog run at a small section of one of the City beaches.
- **2025 Meeting Schedule.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Cove Island Park - HTC40 Shoulder Check Event - Thursday, July 25, 2024:** Follow-up discussion from the September 18, 2024 meeting addressing concerns about this event and park usage for next year.
- **2025-2026 Capital Budget/Operating Requests - Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation:**
 - Update of Capital submissions from the Parks & Recreation Department and submissions from the Land Use Bureau that pertain to the City's parks.
 - Update on work at Lione Park and Nemoitin Park.
 - Update on multiple parks' paving and drainage project with requested funding of \$550,000.00. This project includes releveling/regraveling the Kosciusko Park parking lot; designing and installing a protection wall along the beachfront to protect against erosion during storm surges; drainage improvements and a new retention basin at the dog park on Courtland Avenue and regrading and repaving at the Parks Department shop parking areas to assist with flood prone areas.

Scheduled Planning Board-Capital Budget Meetings:

December 10, 2024 - Capital Budget Review

January 7, 2025 - Public Hearing - Capital Budget

- **Michael Tedder, Vice Chair:** East Side Library Project with requested funding of \$4.3M.
- **Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation:**
 - Request updated Park Regulations be added to the Parks & Recreation website. Current Regulations are out of date from 2022.
 - Discuss how to get rules implemented on Special Event applications and on park signage.
 - Operating costs for baseball fields.
 - Proposed fields slated to be converted to artificial turf.
- **Scofieldtown Dog Park:** Update on the status and discussion about the rules and regulations. (***TABLED from the October 9, 2024 meeting.***)

TOURNAMENTS:

- No Tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No Correspondence.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

DISCUSSION:

- Angela Adetola, Commissioner:
 - Update on Stamford Parks Community Partnership.
 - Update on Geographic Information Services (GIS) Mapping.
- Melanie Hollas, Chair; Paul Newman & Benjamin Pomerantz, Commissioners: Update on parks not zoned as parks.
- Michael Tedder, Vice Chair & Paul Newman, Commissioner: Update on Policy & Procedure revisions.

ADJOURNMENT

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