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- Terry Conner Rink (TCR) Revenue Report. (Attached)
- Parks & Recreation Revenue Report. (Attached)
- Veteran's Day Parade was held on Sunday, November 10, 2024.
- Attended SVPP Patriot Award Reception on November 14, 2024.
- Thanksgiving Day Parade Inflation Party to be held Saturday, November 23 and Parade on Sunday, November 24, 2024.
- Forestry Department: Tree Maintenance Specialist interviews are being held for five (5) candidates.
- Annual Report. (Attached)
- Infield Turf Upgrades Baseball/Softball: Operating cost breakdown/proposed field/equipment. (Attached)
- ARP Funding overview. (Attached)
- Attended Planning Board Capital Budget meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.
- Cove Island Park marina dredging project in progress.
- Blue Light Update: Dorthy Heroy trench and power connection and tower are installed. Awaiting camera devices to be completed.
- Heroy Access Gate on Riding Stable Road: Pedestal in place. Awaiting Eversource to move phase power to new utility pool.
- Park Ranger Program: Nine (9) Rangers are being trained. Program will end December 1, 2024 and pick back up on March 15, 2025.
- Park Playgrounds: Awaiting annual inspections for twenty (20) playgrounds.
- Lione Park turf upgrade project is complete as of November 7, 2024. G-Max testing results have cleared the field for use.
- West Beach turf project to begin November 18, 2024.
- Cummings Beach promenade project in progress.
- Scalzi Park Bocce Court project is in progress.
- All City park bathrooms and irrigation lines are being winterized for the season. Administration has agreed to keep seven (7) locations open until Sunday, December 1, 2024.
- YCMA facility discussions are in order and inspection reports are back. Administration gathering information on recreation use with programming and activation of the pool.
- Working with Parks Event Coordinator using Synchrony Corporation's donation to update fifteen (15) park entry signs.
- Working with Land Use Bureau and Parks Event Coordinator to include tree planting initiative on Parks & Recreation website.
- Santa Hayride @ Cove Island Park and four (4) Ski Bum trips were sold out within one day of registration.
- Fall programs and sports are concluding and winter programs are starting up.
- TCR Rink Operator interviews have been held. A selection will be made.
- Board of Finance monthly meeting heard two (2) Capital Project Request Appropriation items. One for Lione Park using ARP funding and another for Nemoitin Park Playground using ARP funding. (Attached Action Report)

MONTHLY TOTALS FISCAL YEAR JULY 2024-JUNE 2025

DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT #	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	YTD Totals
Leisure Donations	1000-0000-220318	\$ 45.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 211.00	\$ 76.00									\$ 405.00
Adult Programs	1000-2535-440022	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 400.00									\$ 3,695.00
Adult Leagues	1000-2535-440023	\$ 26,847.00	\$ 36,934.78	\$ 49,905.00	\$ 8,107.00									\$ 121,793.78
Aquatics	1000-2531-440024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,460.00	\$ -									\$ 16,460.00
Youth Programs	1000-2534-440025	\$ 8,330.00	\$ 9,141.00	\$ 22,412.00	\$ 801.00									\$ 40,684.00
Playground/Day Camps	1000-2534-440029	\$ 5,347.00	\$ 249.00	\$ -	\$ 44.00									\$ 5,640.00
Star Center Programs	1000-2528-440026	\$ 25,792.00	\$ 14,360.00	\$ 63,325.50	\$ 33,595.00									\$ 137,072.50
MONTH TOTALS*		\$ 66,811.00	\$ 61,997.78	\$ 153,918.50	\$ 43,023.00									\$ 325,750.28
REFUNDS		\$ (14,394.45)	\$ (2,645.80)	\$ (5,291.00)	\$ (1,484.00)									\$ (23,815.25)
MONTH END TOTALS		\$ 52,416.55	\$ 59,351.98	\$ 148,627.50	\$ 41,539.00									\$ 301,935.03

*12/23 \$120 (charge code changed)

*12/23 \$12809 (charge code changed)

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Leisure Donations	1000-0000-220318	\$ 97.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 487.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 472.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 947.00	\$ 529.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 3,385.00
Adult Programs	1000-2535-440022	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,359.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 1,630.00	\$ 3,435.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 16,449.00
Adult Leagues	1000-2535-440023	\$ 36,286.00	\$ 46,172.00	\$ 45,143.00	\$ 3,729.00	\$ 15,605.00	\$ 9,494.00	\$ 10,576.00	\$ 11,768.00	\$ 183,884.00	\$ 53,450.00	\$ 77,265.00	\$ 66,930.00	\$ 560,302.00
Aquatics	1000-2531-440024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ 9,295.00	\$ 2,680.00	\$ -	\$ 18,185.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 45,140.00
Youth Programs	1000-2534-440025	\$ 11,062.00	\$ 10,070.00	\$ 20,739.00	\$ 3,406.00	\$ 12,236.00	\$ 12,572.00	\$ 1,617.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 54,424.00	\$ 17,785.00	\$ 12,777.00	\$ 15,706.00	\$ 172,554.00
Playground/Day Camps	1000-2534-440029	\$ 1,472.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,353.00	\$ 53,417.50	\$ 7,355.50	\$ 12,870.00	\$ 605,678.00
Star Center Programs	1000-2528-440026	\$ 14,929.00	\$ 11,716.00	\$ 78,918.00	\$ 27,260.00	\$ 24,180.00	\$ 72,968.00	\$ 41,272.00	\$ 24,171.50	\$ 211,763.00	\$ 52,017.50	\$ 29,646.50	\$ 17,893.00	\$ 606,734.50
MONTH TOTALS*		\$ 64,146.00	\$ 68,683.00	\$ 162,046.00	\$ 37,011.00	\$ 53,936.00	\$ 108,236.00	\$ 58,705.00	\$ 36,253.50	\$ 1,000,306.00	\$ 178,724.00	\$ 128,495.00	\$ 113,701.00	\$ 2,010,242.50
REFUNDS		\$ (15,809.60)	\$ (2,880.00)	\$ (10,727.85)	\$ (3,308.00)	\$ (1,347.40)	\$ (840.00)	\$ (10,472.80)	\$ (1,802.25)	\$ (3,832.25)	\$ (13,393.00)	\$ (6,296.25)	\$ (9,703.50)	\$ (80,412.90)
MONTH END TOTALS		\$ 48,336.40	\$ 65,803.00	\$ 151,318.15	\$ 33,703.00	\$ 52,588.60	\$ 107,396.00	\$ 48,232.20	\$ 34,451.25	\$ 996,473.75	\$ 165,331.00	\$ 122,198.75	\$ 103,997.50	\$ 1,929,829.60

MONTHLY TOTALS COMPARISON FISCAL YEAR 2025-v-2024 (25 - 24)

DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT #	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Comp. Yr to Date
Leisure Donations	1000-0000-220318	\$ (52.00)	\$ 8.00	\$ (276.00)	\$ 35.00									
Adult Programs	1000-2535-440022	\$ 150.00	\$ 790.00	\$ (754.00)	\$ (1,895.00)									
Adult Leagues	1000-2535-440023	\$ (9,439.00)	\$ (9,237.22)	\$ 4,762.00	\$ 4,378.00									
Aquatics	1000-2531-440024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,060.00	\$ (280.00)									
Youth Programs	1000-2534-440025	\$ (2,732.00)	\$ (929.00)	\$ 1,673.00	\$ (2,605.00)									
Playground/Day Camps	1000-2534-440029	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 39.00	\$ -	\$ 44.00									
Star Center Programs	1000-2528-440026	\$ 10,863.00	\$ 2,644.00	\$ (15,592.50)	\$ 6,335.00									
REFUNDS		\$ 1,415.15	\$ 234.20	\$ 5,436.85	\$ 1,824.00									
MONTH END TOTALS		\$ 4,080.15	\$ (6,451.02)	\$ (2,690.65)	\$ 7,836.00									

***Variance of Refund Money = More \$ Refunded

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Star Center Programs	1000-2528-440026
TOTALS	
REFUND TOTALS	
QUARTER END TOTALS	

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year Total
Jul24-Sep24	Oct24-Dec24	Jan25-Mar25	Apr25-Jun25	Jul24-Jun25
\$ 329.00				
\$ 3,295.00				
\$ 113,686.78				
\$ 16,460.00				
\$ 39,883.00				
\$ 5,596.00				
\$ 103,477.50				
\$ 282,727.28				
\$ (22,331.25)				
\$ 260,396.03				

ACCOUNT #	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year Total
	Jul23-Sep23	Oct23-Dec24	Jan24-Mar23	Apr24-Jun24	Jul23-Jun24
122447700	\$ 649.00	\$ 798.00	\$ 1,126.00	\$ 812.00	\$ 3,385.00
1302533411044	\$ 3,109.00	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 3,285.00	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 16,449.00
1302533411045	\$ 127,601.00	\$ 28,828.00	\$ 206,228.00	\$ 197,645.00	\$ 560,302.00
1302533411046	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 9,575.00	\$ 20,865.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 45,140.00
1302533411047	\$ 41,871.00	\$ 28,214.00	\$ 56,201.00	\$ 46,268.00	\$ 172,554.00
13025334110079	\$ 1,682.00	\$ -	\$ 530,353.00	\$ 73,643.00	\$ 605,678.00
1302533411099	\$ 105,563.00	\$ 124,408.00	\$ 277,206.50	\$ 99,557.00	\$ 606,734.50
	\$ 294,875.00	\$ 199,183.00	\$ 1,095,264.50	\$ 420,920.00	\$ 2,010,242.50
	\$ (29,417.45)	\$ (5,495.40)	\$ (16,107.30)	\$ (29,392.75)	\$ (80,412.90)
	\$ 265,457.55	\$ 193,687.60	\$ 1,079,157.20	\$ 391,527.25	\$ 1,929,829.60

Amounts for individual accounts show TOTAL \$ collected -- Does not include individual refunds taken out



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2023-24 Annual Report PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mission: The mission of the Parks & Recreation Division is to provide the highest quality, cost effective preventative maintenance and upgrades to all properties owned by the City of Stamford so they are accessible, operational, and safe for all citizens, employees, and the visiting public. It's also the mission of Stamford Recreation Services to create and offer comprehensive and inclusive leisure opportunities and experiences for the youth and adult population of Stamford.

At A Glance

Parks & Recreation – At a Glance	
Number of Employees on Staff Now	38
Number of Vacancies in Parks & Recreation/ EG Brennan GC/TCR	4
Number of Vacancies in Marinas	0
Number of Acres Maintained	900
Number of Public Parks	58
Number of Athletic Fields	22

Staff & Stats Insights

The merger of Parks & Recreation Service Division consists of a City staff of (33) full-time employees, including Director of Parks & Recreation, (2) Assistant Superintendents of Recreation, (3) Customer Service, (1) Ice Rink Manager Specialist, (1) Superintendent of Greens, (1) Administration Assistant Data Analyst (1) Recreation Supervisor and (1) Recreation Leader, (1) Operations Foremen, (2) Landscape Specialists, (1) Marina Supervisor, (12) Park Maintenance Workers, (3) Ice Rink Operators, (1) Assistant Superintendent of Greens and (2) Groundskeepers.

The Parks & Recreation Division is responsible for the overall maintenance of 900 acres of general parkland and open space. This encompasses 58 public parks, 22 athletic fields, 4 beaches, 3 synthetic artificial turf fields, 2 marinas, 1 ice rink and 1 municipal golf course.

Division Requirements & Responsibilities

The Parks & Recreation Division aggressively seeks the most cost-efficient pricing from outside vendors through the City's RFP and Bidding processes. These purchases include but are not limited to hardware goods, on-call emergency and non-emergency contractual services, and janitorial goods.

In FY 2023/2024, the Park & Recreation Division merger is a vital organ to the City of Stamford Operation teams which includes coordination with other Operation divisions performing in-house repairs or assisting outside contractors with actual construction-type projects, resulting in substantial savings to the City.

Division Requirements

The Parks & Recreation Division has proven to be very effective and is continually being refined to be even more proficient and effective.

- Continuation of the reimbursement program for overtime costs incurred by the Division. The Division continues to bill outside organizations (as well as other inter-City departments) for services provided by the Division that are outside of their normal responsibilities. This has proven to be a very effective way to meet the needs of the various departments that we would not normally be able to provide.
- Continue to monitor the budget very closely through several self-instituted budget tracking mechanisms. This has allowed us to know the real numbers without having to rely on the outdated accounting system.
- Continue to add line items within the different budgets to improve budgetary monitoring to get historical data as to the needs of each department. This has not only improved budget knowledge but has also improved record keeping and accountability.
- Monthly budget meetings are held after six months with the main purpose of monitoring actual spending to budget.
- Performing monthly audits of the various budgets within the Division.
- Continuation of the Playground Rehabilitation Program to ensure that all City playgrounds are safe and meet all State and City regulations.
- Continuation of aggressive procurement procedures to ensure the City is getting the best pricing for all their building, fields, janitorial and park needs.

Accomplishments (Fiscal Year 2023-2024)

Parks Maintenance 2023/2024 Accomplishments

- Continuation of the Park Attendants and Park Ranger Program within park properties Citywide to assist with quality-of-life issues within our parks.
- Continuation of Landscape Maintenance Program at Fort Stamford.
- Install the story time placards at the Jackie Robinson Park Hall of Fame.
- Install story board placards throughout Veterans Park for the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership.
- Cummings Park East Beach promenade and Pavilion Bathroom upgrades completed.
- Continuation of installation and construction of grills/picnic table as part of the yearly replenishment program.
- Continuation of repair of the sink holes in the Kosciuszko Park parking lot.
- Continuation of preventative maintenance program for artificial turf fields and Scofieldtown Park.
- Continuation of maintenance and upgrades of all athletic fields.
- Continuation to remove invasive species and weeds from City parks, with emphasis on Kosciuszko, Chestnut Hill, Mianus River and Cove Island Parks.
- Installed (8) new City memorial benches in various City parks.
- New playground installed at Barrett Park.
- Continuation of press conference set-ups throughout the City for the Mayor/administration.
- Set up and coordination for City Memorial Day/Veterans Day Parades and Ceremonies.
- July 4th Firework Celebrations at Cummings Park and West Beach.
- Coordination of well service and pump service at Heroy Pool Complex.
- Year #4 of Organic Fertilization Program for 24 athletic fields.
- Continuation of sport line painting for all soccer fields.
- Field renovations to Dorothy Heroy & Kosciuszko Park Little League fields to accommodate 50/70 dimensions.
- Hosted 2024 FCIAC Championship at Cubeta Stadium.
- Continuation of park/sport lights maintenance and repair Citywide.
- Renovated and installed new infield at Chestnut Hill Park.
- Purchased and installed new backstop padding at Cubeta Stadium and outfield windscreens.
- New irrigation system renovation at Fort Stamford Park.
- Renovation of the Fort Stamford Park mechanical room/pump house.
- Stockpiled 160 yards of clay onto City fields thanks to new Stamford High School baseball field renovation.
- Renovation of boys' and girls' locker room at Dorothy Heroy Park.
- Installed new pickleball windscreen installed at Cummings Park pickle ball courts

- Continue to work in partnership with the following groups: Pollinator Pathway of Stamford, Downtown Special Services District (DSSD), Czescik Park and Harbor Conservancy, Friends of Mianus River Park and the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership.

Forestry 2023/2024 Accomplishments

- Planted (4) trees at Lione Park for Arbor Day celebration.
- Tree City USA recognition for 37 years.
- Planted (18) Trees with the Shippan Point Association.
- Planted (40) shrubs and transplanted several grasses with the Shippan Point Garden Club at the entrance to Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center along Magee Avenue.
- Continue to complete work order requests in a timely and productive manner.
- Assisted other departments, especially the Board of Education for tree removal at their various locations.
- Completed an Aerial Rescue Safety Training Program for staff.
- Continued Citywide Tree Planting Program.
- Continued working with Pollinator Pathway volunteers.
- Worked in conjunction with Eversource Energy removing dead City trees in proximity to power lines.
- Continued working with the Riverbend Neighborhood Association at Horan Park planting trees and trimming/removing dead trees.
- Gurley Park plant and tree install.
- Maintained bucket truck operation certification.

Marinas 2023/2024 Accomplishments

- Opening of new boat ramp and dock at West Beach.
- Remove and reinstall 16 finger docks at Cove Marina.
- Continue to make repairs to docks at both Cove and Czescik Marinas.
- Install and remove 9 swim buoys and 700 ft. of swim line.
- Install and remove 10 navigational, pier and no wake buoys at Cove, Cummings and West Beach beaches.
- Install 7 new lifeguard chairs at Cove, Cummings and West Beach beaches.
- Continued to replace broken/rotted boards at Cove and Czescik Marinas.
- Replaced bathroom fixtures at Czescik Marina.
- Remove and replace the kayak racks at Cove Island Park near the playground.
- Repaired broken and leaking water lines at Cove and Czescik Marinas.

Next Fiscal Year's Goals

2024/2025 Goals

The following Initiatives and goals for the Parks & Recreation Department have been set for the upcoming fiscal year:

Division Wide 2024/2025 Goals

- Continuation/Implementation of the Parks Strategic Plan and coordination planning and fundraising with the SPCP Board.
- Expanding and upgrading fields, playgrounds and game courts Citywide.
- Continuation of creating and expanding all-inclusive leisure opportunities, camps, special events and programs.
- Transparency within new Parks & Recreation website for all programs activities and live calendar.
- Continuation and building of the Park Ranger Program and hire additional park police officers to improve and monitor quality-of-life issues within all parks.

Parks Maintenance 2024/2025 Goals

- Continue to work in partnership with the following groups: Pollinator Pathway of Stamford, DSSD, Czescik Park and Harbor Conservancy, Friends of Mianus River Park and the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership.
- Cummings Park West Beach promenade to be completed and start of parking lot upgrades and entry circle redesign.
- Implementation of Cummings Beach/Park and West Beach Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grant received for design and planning for 2026.
- Installation of access gate at Riding Stable Road for Dorothy Heroy Park.
- Implementation of additional blue light and security cameras within park properties.
- Install (8) new water fountains within parks.
- Implementation of all season/accessible bathroom programs for park bathroom facilities.
- Kosciuszko Park walking path light project.
- Playground playsets and surfacing upgrades at Phil Giordano playground @ Nemoitin Park and Northrup Park.
- Coordination of volunteer groups within our parks and expanding Friends Groups to assist within all parks and special events with Parks Event Coordinator.
- Continuation of City Construction Project update meetings for all park upgrades.
- Renovate and install new Infield at Drotar Park Little League Field.
- Install new backstop at Cubeta Stadium.
- Install privacy fencing upgrade to Susan Nable @ Chestnut Hill Park.
- Installation of a kiosk at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Continuation of Organic Program Year #5.
- Scalzi Park Bocce Courts to be completed January 1, 2025.
- Renovation of (12) tennis Game courts at Scalzi Park.
- Turf upgrades for Lione Park and West Beach turf fields to be completed prior to the 2025 season.
- Phase 2 of the renovation of Boccuzzi Park entry way and Kosciuszko.
- Renovations to the Stamford Dog Park at Courtland Avenue.
- Implementation and construction of the new dog park at Scofieldtown Park.
- Upgrades to Carwin and Hatch Field Park spray parks.
- Continuation and installation of new grills and park benches within Citywide parks.
- Continuation of City of Stamford Memorial Bench Program.
- Continuation of invasive species and weed removal program for City parks.
- Establish and coordinate upgrades to all field/park equipment with the Vehicle maintenance division.
- Renovations of Troy Fields 1 and 2 outfield grass.

Forestry 2024/2025 Goals

- Hire an additional Licensed Tree Climber Specialist.
- Continuation of Forestry Certification for EHAP (Electrical Hazardous Awareness Program).
- Continuation of planting trees Citywide.
- Assist other departments, especially the Board of Education, for tree removal at their various locations to keep expenditures at a minimum.
- Complete an Aerial Rescue Safety Training program for all Forestry employees.
- Continuation of our Citywide Tree Planting Program.
- Continue working with Pollinator Pathway volunteers and maintaining relationships with all neighborhood associations.
- Continuation to work with the DSSD on all downtown treescaping.

Marinas 2024/2025 Goals

- Continuation of upgrades for Czescik and Cove Marinas.
- Finish bathroom remodel at Czescik Marina bathrooms.
- Continue to build/replace finger docks for Czescik Marina.
- Continue to replace broken/rotted boards at Czescik Marina.
- Installation of new roofs at Cove and Cummings boat house buildings.
- Install new kayak racks at Cove Island Park.
- Dredging and new marina installation at Cove Island Marina.

RECREATION SERVICES

Mission: It is the mission of the Stamford Recreation Services to create and offer comprehensive and inclusive leisure opportunities and experiences for the youth and adult population of Stamford.

At A Glance

Aquatics - At a Glance	
Learn to Swim Program participants	356

Rec Administered Adult Leagues - At a Glance	
Registered softball teams	158
Registered Volleyball teams	124
Registered Coed Beach Volleyball teams	103
Registered Kickball teams	63
Men's Basketball Teams	8
Tournaments	24

E. Gaynor Brennan – Trends			
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Players	39,071	42,189	40,414
Player Revenue	\$1,188,940	\$1,262,134	\$1,234,510
Increase/decrease in player revenue at Brennan from prior year	\$86,727	\$73,194	\$-27,978

Youth Programming - At a Glance 2020/2021	
Activity Camps	1
Day Camps	4
Specialty Camps	40
Special Needs Children participating	75
Playground Program	1

Recreation – Trends						
Years	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Children participating in all summer camps & Specialty Programs.	3,949	1,044*	2,087*	3,257*	4,084	4,220

*Number reflects reduced programming during summer due to canceled camps because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Also, the use of one less site for summer camps due to school construction.

Staff & Stats Insights

Aquatics

The Aquatics Learn to Swim program had a total of three hundred and fifty-six (356) participants for the FY 2023/2024. The Aquatics team also supervised the four (4) Stamford public beaches. In total forty-three (43) Aquatics personnel contribute to the safety and instruction of aquatics participants and public swimming. FY 2022/2023 the Aquatics program collected \$43,844.

Adult Leagues

We also offered annual Adult Sports Leagues in FY 2023/2024 which had one hundred and sixty-five (165) USA registered softball teams, Spring/Summer and Fall season. We hosted twenty-four (24) Competitive National and Local Charity Tournaments throughout the year.

Our May Laber Fall, Winter and Spring Indoor Volleyball Leagues were able to run with a total of one hundred and twenty-four (124) teams for the year. Our Men's Indoor Basketball League has eight (8) teams for the year. Our Spring/Summer FY 2023/2024 Coed Beach Volleyball Leagues had one hundred and three (103) teams participate as well as Kickball had a total of sixty-three (63) teams participate. Recreation Administered Adult leagues and contracted sports programs collected \$534,721 in FY 2023/2024.

Terry Conners Rink

As a newly created Special Revenue Fund Terry Conners Rink (TCR) now must raise revenue via user fees to cover all its direct and indirect expenses. This includes capital upgrades. TCR completed the fiscal year slightly higher in revenue than the previous year (\$1,274,000 in 2023/2024 vs \$1,177,000 in 2022/2023) for an increase of \$97,000.

*Terry Conners Ice Rink has the lowest rates nearly across the board including group lessons and ice rental rates

*Not included in overall revenue was \$53,000 of Board of Education ice time for the two local high school ice hockey teams practice and game ice.

Terry Conners Rink continues to offer residents year-round public skating sessions, open hockey sessions, freestyle sessions for figure skaters, a strong learn to skate lesson program and a summer skating camp.

Our summer camp experienced an upturn with 497 campers over 9 weeks (a record for us) bringing in \$145,829 in revenue. TCR's Learn to Skate Program experienced a slight downturn as we had 847 skaters (123,000) in 2023/2024 vs 928 (129,000) in fiscal year 2022/2023. We look to improve upon those figures this coming year.

The Stamford Youth Hockey Association is based at our rink and begins practice the first week of August. Youth games can be attended free of charge most weekends from September through February. Two high school hockey teams also call TCR home, the Westhill / Stamford Boys team, and the Stamford / Westhill / Staples Girls team. Both teams return to the ice in December after winning 2023/2024 campaigns. Games begin the first week of December and continue through February, admission is \$8.00 per game, free for senior citizens. For viewing the youth hockey or high School hockey schedule check www.tcrink.com for dates and times.

Terry Conners hosted the first Shoulder Check Showcase in August of 2023, over 2,000 people attended this event which showcased over 30 professional men and women hockey players. The charity event's purpose was and still is to promote teenage suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Reach Out – Check In – Make Contact.

Our local Southern CT Synchronized Skating Club hosted the Synchro Open, a synchronized skating competition. The competition will be December 7 & 8 this year.

Terry Conners Ice Rink's biggest challenge remains revenue exceeding expenses in a world where utility expenses are at their highest ever! We continue to offer the most value for the customers' dollars compared to all area ice rinks. The rink may seek nominal increases to counter expenses.

Through state grant money, a new flat roof was installed with a thirty-year warranty. The City Engineering Department is seeking, in 2024/2025, federal grant money for solar panels which could defray expenses.

E. Gaynor Brennan Municipal Golf Course

The E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course continues to maintain the number of golfers gained during the "Covid Spike" in play realized in FY 2020. The golf course had 40,414 player rounds in FY 2023. That number is slightly lower than FY 2022 (42,189) but higher than FY 2021 (39,071). Although FY 2023 had a decrease in rounds from FY 2022 it is consistent with the 3-year average and higher than the 39,000 rounds used for budget purposes. The slight variance in player rounds can be attributed to weather.

Value remains the governing factor in driving the business. In an increasingly competitive golf course market, the goal at E. Gaynor Brennan is to provide exceptional value for the money. Improving course conditions and customer service helps keep E. Gaynor Brennan relevant in the market. The course re-routing of a couple of years ago and 10-minute tee time intervals improved the pace of play resulting in customer satisfaction. A capital project for a new irrigation system is in the planning stages. Improved irrigation will result in better overall turf quality improving the player's experience. Also in the pre-planning stages are renovated bunkers and new cart paths which will bring E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course to the forefront of places to play in lower Fairfield County.

E. Gaynor Brennan is continuing its commitment to helping create a greener Stamford. Two new electric utility vehicles were purchased last fiscal year. This brings the number of zero emission/electric utility vehicles to four. The goal is to convert to electric wherever possible, as technology allows.

The golf course raised rates for residents and non-residents (\$2/round) in FY 2023. The Senior and Junior rates remained unchanged. The rate increase was needed to offset rising costs in fuel, fertilizers and other supplies. E. Gaynor Brennan continues to be self-supporting with 100% of our expenses covered by user fees. The Golf Course does not use City funds or taxpayer money to operate the business. Overall, E. Gaynor Brennan was profitable, adding to our Fund Balance to pay for future capital improvements.

Summer Day Camps

We offered 7 out of the 8 camp programs we traditionally offer but could not offer a summer camp at Still Meadow School once again due to Board of Education Summer School. The summer camp programs that we held were one (1) Activity Camp at Newfield Schools; (4) Day Camps at Davenport, Star Center Camp, Roxbury, Heroy; (1) playground at Barrett Park and a Pre-School Camp at Roxbury School. Continued activities at all sites varied and include sports, games, crafts, color wars, camp Olympics, themes, health programs, reading, Book Mobile, camp shows and other special events. Also scheduled were various entertainment events such as, Foam Party, Kona Ice, Food Trucks, Animal Embassy, magicians, field trips and more. Summer camps employ 145 local youth and adults and supervised 956 children for 2023/2024. With the loss of Still Meadow Camp, we once again were down 165 spaces for children plus we had an overall wait list of 355 children looking for camp spots. Twenty-five (25) of the staff members were special education staff to work with the sixty-five (65) special needs children in camp.

Summer camps in FY 2019/2020 collected \$562,372.74; in FY 2020/2021 collected \$641,781 and FY 2021/2022 collected \$641,781 (continued pandemic guidelines by the state), \$664,652 in FY 2022/2023 and \$750,807.00 in FY 2023/204.

We also had sixty-five (65) special needs children in summer programs with one-on-one Para Educators available allowing them the ability to participate in all the camp activities daily. In all, 4,220 children participated in our wide variety of summer camps offered this summer, which is up 136 participants from the summer FY 2022/2023.

Special Programs

Special programs included the very popular Birthday Parties, the 23rd Annual Hayride with Santa at Cove Island Park, Halloween Event, and Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We also offered a wide range of Friday night programs for youth and teens at the Star Center and once again ran a full season of sold-out Friday night ski trips for teens during the winter months.

Preschool Programs

Pre-school and after school programs for children ages 6 months to 15-years-old as well many contracted vendor enrichment programs remain very popular at the Recreation Star Center with wait lists. We also brought back adult trips and offered three (3) casino trips. We will also look to be offering more trips in the upcoming year as they once again have become popular.

After School Club

The after-school club, five days per week that currently accommodates 42 children from 2:30pm - 6:00pm at the Star Center, has a waiting list of 89 children. We continue to offer The Stay and Play Preschool for children ages 3 to 4 at the Star Center. The program runs three days a week for 3-year-olds and four days a week for 4-year-olds from 9:00am - 12:15pm. The program follows the public-school calendar and accommodates 16 children. We have also added a lunch bunch program two days a week to the Stay and Play Preschool extending the day until 1:30 pm for an extra fee. This allows children to be better prepared for the start of kindergarten the following fall. Also, we continued to expand our 40-minute preschool science, art and gym programs for children ages 6 months - 4-years-old all in the mornings. We also continue to expand our youth and teen dance, ballet, fitness, tech, educational and music programs for children ages 2 -14, increased the number of children's technology programs in the science and computer areas and expanded the various arts programs that we offer. We continue to see an increase in special education children participating in after school and vacation programs and have one-on-one Para Educators available for those that need one.

Another addition now that we have the Star Center, is we offer one day programs on days off from school during the school year for parents that need childcare. These programs range from science, art, cooking fitness or just fun day camp for children grades K-5.

Special Vendor Programs

For FY 2023/2024, we continue to work with contracted vendors to offer as many programs as possible that are in demand from families and residents. We also see a demand for after-school care programs and school vacation day programs from residents.

Division Requirements & Responsibilities

The Recreation Services Division provides direct leadership and coordination of services to numerous youth and adult sports leagues such as tennis, baseball, basketball, soccer, football, indoor and beach volleyball, kickball, and softball, as well as conducts programs in arts, STEM, music, swimming, youth sports, summer day camps and special interest activities. Recreation Services manages lifeguards at City beaches, the Heroy pool and the Westhill High School pool, and schedules all City Park athletic fields for community-based youth/adult sports leagues and tournaments issuing 26,500 field permits annually.

October 18, 2024

Baseball/Softball Infield Turf Upgrades

FY25-26 Request- \$500,000/pending for July 1, 2025

Year 1 Locations/Projected

- West Beach Little League Infield - awaiting cost proposal from SLR
- Drotar Park/Springdale School - awaiting cost proposal from SLR

Year 2 Locations

- Troy Field #1 Infield @ Cove Island
- Dorothy Heroy Field 50/70

Operation Budget Savings (estimated).

Total estimated savings which includes labor/materials - \$5,500 to \$7,500 annually per field.

Materials - Infield clay/speedy dry/mound bricks/anchored bases/infield chalk lines/ mowers and trimmers/gas and oil.

Labor - Regular operating hours and overtime for infield screening 7 days a week - 45 minutes to 1 hour per field.

Ongoing cost for turf maintenance.

*Turf Cleanings, which are performed by an outside contractor, will be around \$750 to \$1,000 annually, which is 4x a year cleaned and groomed per field.

*Labor additional spot checks by staff and turf cleanings with tow-behinds to spread infill.

FY25-26 short term Capital Equipment

Sod Cutter - \$3,500

Pro Force Blower - \$12,000

Kubota Tractor with attachments (power rake, Bush Bandit) - \$56,000

Project Number	Project Name	ARP
C56169	Paving & Drainage - Courtland Ave. Dog Park	\$ 750,000.00
CP8700	Lione Park	\$ 1,000,000.00
	Nemoitin Park	\$ 500,000.00
	Cummings Park	\$ 2,585,341.12
GF3000045	ARPA CSFRF - Stamford Athletic Fields	\$ 200,000.00
GF3000045	ARPA CSFRF - Neighborhood Playgrounds - Apples Inclusive Swing - Haig Avenue Playground - Jackie Robinson Park Upgrades - Tree Inventory - Cove Island Invasive Species	\$ 200,000.00

From 11/13/24 Board of Finance Meeting:

14. REQUEST FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION – (CP8700) – FY 24/25 – LIONE PARK

Request to approve an appropriation for Lione Park design work which will include relocating current parking lot and park amenities to ensure safety and quality of life concerns. Includes additional park amenities to activate the park.

Action Requested: Approval of Appropriation
Amount: ~~\$1,500,000~~ **\$1,000,000**
Fund/Budget: ~~\$800,000~~ **\$300,000 Grant (Federal - ARP)**
\$700,000 Grant (State - ARP)
Submitted by: OPM
Attending: Luke Buttenwieser, Junior Transportation Planner

Motion to approve by Richard Freedman. Vote failed for lack of a second.

Motion to approve by Geoff Alswanger reducing appropriation amount by \$500,000 (Federal Grant-ARP), making revised total appropriation \$1,000,000. Seconded by J.R. McMullen. Vote passed 5-1-0. Dennis Mahoney voted against.

15. REQUEST FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION – (001283) – FY 24/25 – NEMOTIN PARK

Request to approve an appropriation for installation of a playground that is ADA compliant with 2-5 & 6-12 play areas, safety surfacing, and drainage.

Action Requested: Approval of Appropriation
Amount: ~~\$1,400,000~~ **\$500,000**
Fund/Budget: Grant (Federal - ARP)
Submitted by: OPM
Attending: Matt Quinones, Director of Operations

Motion to approve by Mary Lou Rinaldi reducing appropriation amount by \$600,000 (Federal Grant-ARP), making revised total appropriation \$500,000.

Motion by Richard Freedman to amend prior motion to revised total appropriation of \$700,000, seconded by Geoff Alswanger. Vote failed 3-3-0. Mary Lou Rinaldi, Dennis Mahoney and J.R. McMullen voted against.

Original Motion by Mary Lou Rinaldi reducing total appropriation amount to \$500,000, seconded by Richard Freedman. Vote passed 4-2-0. Dennis Mahoney and J.R. McMullen voted against.