

Town of Newtown, CT

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the Conference Room, 3 Main Street in Newtown, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Marks at 6:00 pm. The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of 911 and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Edward Marks, Patrick Barczak, Clinton DePaolo, Linda Hess, Warren Spencer.

Absent: Vincent Yanni, Jr., Rance Thompson.

Staff Present: Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson,

Staff Absent: RoseAnn Reggiano

Public: Ned Simpson from the *Age Friendly Livable Community Steering Committee*; Glenn Boyle (tennis); Byron Norvell (tennis); Ehab Farah (tennis); John Reisert (tennis)

Public Participation/ New Business:

Mr. Ned Simpson with the Age Friendly Livable Community Steering Committee presented to the commission the AFLC initiative. (See attachment #1) Mr. Simpson explained that the four areas of focus for this committee are: aging in place; having accessible things to do; being connected; senior infrastructure. Mr. Simpson is recruiting a liaison from the Parks and Recreation Commission to attend AFLC Steering Committee meetings to convey any Parks and Recreation upcoming opportunities for senior input and to align goals and missions, because they could be similar. The meetings are currently being held every other week in the mornings, but the committee will be reevaluating this schedule to make it easier for members to join. Ms. Mangold requested that the committee send a schedule of the meetings, place and time, so that she can forward to the commissioners. Ms. Mangold will give a status update at October's commission meeting.

Mr. Glenn Boyle and Mr. Ehab Farah came before the commission to discuss the possibility of putting lights on the Treadwell Tennis Courts. The two inquired on what would need to be done and how they could help get this accomplished. Mr. Marks explained to the group that Parks and Recreation goes through a CIP process every year, which entails prioritizing projects, looking at costs and then presenting to the BOS. Parks and Recreation has just completed next year's CIP process and is now in the approval stages of the CIP. The next CIP cycle will start again in August 2019. Mr. Samuelson stated that the cost of installing lights at Treadwell tennis courts would be roughly \$200,000. There is also the issue of proximity to the road and neighbors. The current courts were grandfathered in, but any new infrastructure would not meet the minimum road setbacks. The group also discussed the possibilities of putting lights on the Dickinson Park Tennis Courts; however, there might be some property set back issues. Mr. Marks stated that Parks and Recreation will do some research and suggested that the tennis group do so as well. Mr. Farah stated that they have private funds that they can contribute to the possible project. The Parks and Recreation staff will give an update on costs and logistics of lights at Treadwell and/or Dickinson Tennis/basketball Courts, at October's commission meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion:

Commissioner Patrick Barczak made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 12, 2018 Commission Meeting. Linda Hess seconded the motion. Ed Marks, Pat Barczak, Linda Hess voted in favor of the minutes as presented. Clinton DePaolo and Warren Spencer abstained from voting.

Motion:

Commissioner Warren Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2018 Commission Meeting. Linda Hess seconded the motion.

A correction was made under the attendance of Commissioners. Patrick Barczak was not present at the meeting.

Ed Marks, Linda Hess, Warren Spencer voted in favor of the amended minutes. Patrick Barczak and Clinton DePaolo abstained from voting.

Motion:

Commissioner Linda Hess made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2018 Commission Meeting. Warren Spencer seconded the motion.

A correction was made under *Public Participation*. Newtown Soccer Club was inadvertently referred to Newtown Youth Soccer Association.

All voted in favor of the amended minutes.

Old Business:

- *CIP:*
Ms. Mangold handed the commission an updated copy of, *Town of Newtown Department CIP Summary worksheet For the Ten Fiscal Years 2019/2020 to 2028/2029. (See attachment #2).* Ms. Mangold, Mr. Marks and Mr. Samuelson met with First Selectman, Dan Rosenthal and Finance Director, Bob Tait on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, to present the CIP. Some topics that were discussed include: Tilson Artificial Turf Replacement project is funded by the Parks and Recreation special revenue account and is scheduled to start in June 2019. The Fairfield Hills Pickleball courts without lights, \$280,000 has been moved from 2020/2021 to 2019/2021. The Dickinson Pavilion Replacement has been pushed back for review to 2020/2021. The Lake Lillinonah Park Improvements, which has been slated for 2023/2024 and possibly changing the current Eichler's Cove fund account to Shoreline fund to incorporate both facilities when determining projects and costs. Mr. Samuelson stated that the Arm Corp study for the Lake Lillinonah project is about 2 years out. The commission also discussed the Duplex/Plymouth Hall Renovation (Remediation) slated for 2028/2029 as being far enough out to review and keep track of status of the Community Center, in terms of space and the demand for programs.
- *Community Center:*
Ms. Mangold stated that Mr. Matt Ariniello, Community Center Director, is having a *Walk and Talk Wednesday. (See attachment #3)* This is a walk through the Fairfield Hills Campus to learn more about the new Community Center and Senior Center being built.

Chairman's Report:

- Mr. Marks sent First Selectman Dan Rosenthal information on the New Milford Trail Committees, 18-mile Greenway Trail project. Mr. Marks would like to see a committee be put together, which would be appointed by and report back to the First Selectman.

Director's Report:

Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Mangold attended the Fairfield Hills Authority meeting to talk about the Pickleball Courts that is listed on the Parks and Recreation CIP report. Ms. Mangold presented diagrams of the possible project, which was received very positively.

RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation: (Ms. Mangold reported for Ms. Reggiano in her absence)

- Ms. Mangold stated that the movie night held on Friday, August 31, 2018, was a great success. This was after the event was cancelled twice, due to inclement weather. Ms. Reggiano wanted to send a big Thank you out to Erin Massotto, who managed and facilitated the movie night as well as all the concerts for the summer concert series. "Great Job Erin!"
- Newtown at Quassy Amusement Park - Town Day, will be on September 29th, 30th and October 7, 2018. The cost is \$5.00/per day for all Newtown Residents and \$15.00/per day for all non-residents attending with Newtown residents, for all day land and ride passes. Parking is \$7.00/per day.
- Newtown Day is on October 6, 2018 at Fairfield Hills Campus, from 11:00am to 5:00pm, with food trucks, vendors and live music. The admission is \$3.00/per person over age 12; \$1.00/per person age 6 – 12 years old; and free for age 5 and under.
- Parks and Recreation 2nd annual Fall Carnival is October 19th, 20th and 21st at Fairfield Hills Campus. All proceeds will go to the Parks Gift Fund.
- There is a Halloween Party for age 8 years and under on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 6:00pm on the Fairfield Hills campus. There will be games and a spooky hayride.
- A Halloween Party for grades 5 & 6 is on Friday, October 26, 2018, 7:00pm to 9:30pm at the Teen Center.
- The Basketball Turkey Toss is on Friday, November 16th at the Newtown Middle School, starting at 6:00pm
- Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 8th at the Newtown Middle School from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks: (Please see attachment #4)

- Mr. Samuelson stated that this has not been a good year for growing grass.
- The Sandy Hook School baseball field project is been completed and ready to go.
- The Tilson Turf Field is scheduled to begin June 2019 and will take roughly 6 weeks.
- Mr. Samuelson sponsored a Field Day at the Newtown High School, with 10 vendors and 75 attendees.
- Treadwell Pool deck project is scheduled to start late winter into spring. Demolition of the deck is expected to start in February 2019.

Correspondence: None

Commissioners out and about: None

Motion:

Commissioner Patrick Barczak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Linda Hess, which was carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room located at 3 Main Street, Newtown, CT.

Submitted by,

Gabriella Chernoff, clerk



Town of Newtown Age Friendly Livable Community Initiative

Update to Parks and Recreation Commission

Background

AARP Livable Communities supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities and rural areas to be great places for people of all ages. It is a network of communities sharing information, not an award or a designation.

Currently about 14% of the town's population seniors are projected to grow to be 23% by 2025. First Selectman submitted Newtown's application to join the AARP Livable Communities Network in 2016. April 28, 2018 a town workshop was held to identify ways to make Newtown more age friendly.

Making Newtown a More Age Friendly Livable Community

From the April 28, 2018 Workshop

- Benefits extend beyond seniors
- Many changes do not require new funding or government action (but some do)

<u>A. Aging In Place</u>	<u>B. Having Accessible Things To Do</u>
1. Modifications to homes for senior living	1. Outdoor and active living programs
2. Transportation services **	2. Educational and crafts programs
3. Chore services available *	3. Social, games and entertainment offerings
4. Single level housing	4. Senior's income producing endeavors **
5. Availability of health and medical services **	5. Visible volunteer opportunities for seniors
6. Affordable living in Newtown *	

<u>C. Being Connected</u>	<u>D. Senior Infrastructure</u>
1. Newtown seniors distribution list (email and postal addresses) *	1. Sidewalks, building access, trails and streets accommodating for seniors
2. Senior participation in the array of things to do in town	2. Communications strategy: to seniors and from seniors. *
3. Match interests to volunteer opportunities	3. Visibility of senior's contributions
4. An information phone number for town services and opportunities **	4. Awareness of senior needs and perspectives in town governance
5. Programs to reach-out and service the home bound **	5. Town organization and activity repository

* Highest priority

** High priority

The results and plans from these efforts to be recorded as companions to the POCD

- Housing
- Transportation
- Sidewalks
- Hills
- Bikes – Pedestrians
- Trails Including mountain bikes
- Fairfield



Town of Newtown

Livable Community – Age Friendly Community Initiative

Supported by the BOS

1. Access to town staff, commissions, and data
2. Consideration of senior needs and capabilities in developing plans and actions
3. Recognize needs for funding senior related initiatives
During the normal budgeting cycles
4. Receive senior perspective companion documents to the PODC
5. Cultivate an environment for open and innovative discussion and action on senior consideration
6. Focus on “We can if ...” not “We cannot because ...”

Current Work Groups

- A. Create a Newtown seniors distribution list (email and postal addresses)
Prelude to Communications Strategy
- B. Conduct a study of current transportation services
Prelude to Transportation Services
- C. Hold regular meetings between School System and Seniors
In part a First step towards Affordable Living in Newtown
- D. Bring Habitat for Humanity to Newtown
Part of Affordable living in Newtown
- E. Investigate the RUOK system to check in on seniors
Initial Programs to reach-out and service the home bound
- F. Senior/Volunteer spotlight or column in The Bee
- G. Submit program ideas to the COA New Senior Center Program Sub Committee
- H. Conduct First Responder training for dementia

Age Friendly Livable Community Steering Committee:

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| • Bloom, Barbara | • DeMattei, Anna Marie | • Symes, Curt |
| • Brimmer, Bill | • Llodra, Pat | • Wiedemann, Anna |
| • Boccuzzi, John | • Rosenblatt, Steve | • Representative Parks & |
| • Brady, Tracy | • Simpson, Ned | Recreation Comm |

Parks and Recreation Commission member on the AFLC Steering Committee

1. Identify, facilitate and nurture opportunities to work together
2. Convey and coordinate budget requests from AFLC to become part of Parks & Recreation. (AFLC requests will go through other departments and commissions)
3. Attend AFLC Steering Committee meetings periodically to
 - a. Describe what is being discussed, actions taken and upcoming opportunities for senior input
 - b. Hear questions and concerns from the steering committee and other action teams related to Parks and Recreation
4. Provide a path for AFLC to make reports and have discussions with Parks and Recreation

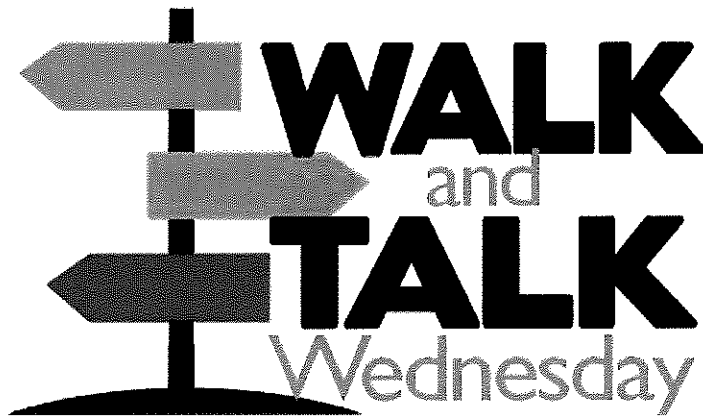
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Town of Newtown
Department CIP Summary Worksheet
For the Ten Fiscal Years 2019/2020 to 2028/2029

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

Item #	Capital Item	PROJECT COST - TOTAL / BONDED									
		2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Item # 1	Tilson Artificial Turf Replacement	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 2	Fairfield Hills Pickleball Courts	280,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 3	Dickinson Park Pavilion Replacement	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 4	Maintenance Yard Improvements	-	-	670,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 5	Dickinson Park Splashpad	-	-	670,000	850,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 6	Lake Lilimohah Park Improvements	-	-	-	850,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 7	Teen Center Renovation	-	-	-	-	485,000	485,000	-	-	-	-
Item # 8	Treadwell Artificial Turf and lighting Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	-	-
Item # 9	Rail Trail -Batchelder Park	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	-
Item # 10	Treadwell Park Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	-	-
Item # 11	Fairfield Hills Recreation Plan Phase 1 (fields & trail)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,350,000	-
Item # 12	Duplex/Plymouth Hall Renovation (Remediation)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,350,000	10,000,000
Item # 13	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 14	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 15	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 16	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 17	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item # 18	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COST OF ALL PROJECTS		500,000	500,000	670,000	850,000	500,000	1,265,000	1,400,000	1,000,000	1,350,000	10,000,000
TOTAL TO BE BONDED		280,000	500,000	670,000	850,000	500,000	715,000	1,400,000	1,000,000	1,350,000	10,000,000

JOIN US!



Join Community Center Director, Matt Ariniello on a walk through the Fairfield Hills Campus to learn more about the new Community Center and Senior Center being built. Topics of discussion include construction, future programs and membership.

**Wednesdays in October:
October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
8:30am**

Begins at the Community Center site

**To register contact Matt at
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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

TO: Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission,
Amy Mangold, Director

FROM: Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director – Parks

DATE: September 11, 2018

RE: Monthly park update and field report

We have had quite a stretch of hot wet weather which has diminished turf conditions dramatically for the fall sports season. We have had more than double the annual average of days over 90 degrees and over 15 inches of rain in the past month. We do not have the budget to preventatively treat for disease control with this type of pressure so we do our best to culturally manage for the least damage.

We are currently down 2 full time employees which is also hampering our productivity.

Dickinson Park: Fall sports have started here and the playground remains busy. The lending library seems to be working well with no vandalism issues to date.

We started weeding beds here today and Public Works will finally be removing marked trees now that they have completed storm clean up.

Newtown Middle School: The baseball field here has suffered from the wet hot summer but the softball and newer multi-purpose are doing well. The multi-purpose was aerated and seeded in the past week and fall sports fields are lined.

Orchard Hill: No new news here

Lake Lillinonah: We have brush cut the perimeter and invasive plant species. Sink holes in the grass area have been filled. The sink hole next to the catch basin has been repaired as well.

Glander Fields: Fields are being groomed on a regular basis and the failed sump pump was replaced in the irrigation vault.

Liberty Fields: These fields remain incredibly wet with the volume of rain in the past month but are holding up decent.

Oakview: The saturated soils have really taken a toll here. Hopefully things will dry out by the end of the week so that we can aerate and overseed.

Tilson Field: One seam repair was completed and one other still needs repair. Replacement timing for this surface seems right on target.

Treadwell Soccer/Softball: We completed two small line repairs on Treadwell artificial and have repaired the two outfield irrigation leaks on Treadwell softball.

Walnut Tree: This is still the one field loving all of this rain. The field is in decent shape.

Fairfield Hills: We aerated and seeded here and will be seeding again once things dry out a bit. High Meadow is suffering from saturated soils, but holding up ok.

NHS Fields: Our field day here was a great success with about 10 vendors and 75 attendees. All of the fields here, which drain well are looking good. The only exception would be center field of the baseball field which does not drain well. We excavated and installed a new ticket shed for Matt Memoli at Blue and Gold Stadium which has delayed our start at Hawley some, but this is now complete.

Dog Park: We will be doing some seasonal work here and water shutdown next month. We have yet to locate a reported leak here but will verify things when we blow the system out for the winter.

Treadwell Park: The pool is now closed and fall sports have begun. We have been working with a couple of neighbors to try and resolve some garbage and trespass issues. Recent inquiries about lighting Treadwell tennis courts prompted discussions with George Benson in Land Use. The current courts cannot be lit due to proximity of the road and neighbors. The courts were grandfathered but new infrastructure would not meet minimum road setbacks. We will be covering and closing the pool in the next month.

Eichlers Cove Marina: We are holding delivery of new gangplanks as late as possible. With the beach now closed we can move equipment in once Hawley infield is complete.

Sandy Hook School: The field repairs are complete. The field has been opened for play this week. We will still be aerating and seeding here as we do with most of our fields.

Staff:

- 368 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1672 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 22% loss in workforce.