

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 an in-person meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 with an opportunity for phone – in public participation, in the multipurpose room of the Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton DePaolo at 6:02pm

**Present:** Clinton DePaolo, Aaron Britton, Jim Parker, David Payne, Vincent Yanni, Warren Spencer, Rance Thompson

**Staff Present:** Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson

**Absent:** RoseAnn Reggiano

**Public:** Glenn Boyle- 23 Park Lane, Newtown, CT 06470  
Stephen and Susan Small- 154 Walnut Tree Hill Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482  
Ms. Alexa Larson- 211 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT 06801

**Public Participation:**

- Mr. Glenn Boyle came to discuss the Tennis Associations tournament coming up in the fall at the end of September/beginning of October. He came to discuss prices and how many courts he would like to use. He also pointed out some maintenance needed at 2 of the Dickinson courts and one of the Treadwell courts. He also thanked Newtown Parks and Recreation for putting up new nets and keeping the courts nice.
- Mr. Stephen Small asked the commission if there could be 2 more pickleball courts put in at the Fairfield Hills Campus due to the growing popularity of it. Mr. Small also asked if the cracks in the current courts could be fixed. Chairman Clinton DePaolo explained to Mr. Small that to put in more courts it would have to be approved and they would have to go through the correct steps. Mr. DePaolo also pointed out that there is pending construction on the Fairfield Hills Campus that may prevent putting in more courts. Ms. Amy Mangold also mentioned that the courts that are there now were supposed to be temporary and she is working towards getting a more permanent location.
- Ms. Alexa Larson suggested that Mountain Laurel be planted throughout the campus as a nice addition to the landscape and also requested that gardening tools be made more accessible for herself and others.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2021 commission meeting. Commissioner Warren Spencer seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the acceptance of the minutes.

**Old Business:**

- *Beach Rake:* Mr. Carl Samuelson reported that he ordered the tractor mount tow behind unit and it should be coming in within the next week or two.

- *Eichler's Cove Visit*: Postponed due to weather, meeting was moved to before next month's commission meeting, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

#### **New Business:**

- *Tennis Court Rentals*: Mr. Glenn Boyle came to discuss the Tennis Associations tournament coming up in the fall at the end of September/beginning of October. He came to discuss prices and how many courts he would like to use. Ms. Amy Mangold mentioned that in the past they had rented the courts to them for the weekend for \$200
- *Cultural Arts Dog Park Mural*: Ms. Amy Mangold talked to the commission about a mural that residents in Newtown, members of the cultural arts Andrea Spencer and Laura Lerman would like to get permission for Lindsay Fuori to paint on the side of the building facing the dog park (*Attachment #1*). Ms. Mangold also reported that once Cristal Preszler of the Town of Newtown received word of the project idea, the day of the meeting she informed Ms. Spencer and Ms. Laura that it was not allowed due to Fairfield Hills Adaptive Reuse zoning regulations (*Attachment #2*). Ms. Amy Mangold will get clarification on this issue from First Selectman Rosenthal
- *Men's Sunday Softball*: Tabled by Mr. Carl Samuelson, will discuss at next month's meeting.

#### **Correspondence:**

- *None to report*

#### **Chairman's Report:**

##### Clinton DePaolo, Chairman Newtown Parks and Recreation

- Mr. Clinton DePaolo didn't have anything to report but did remind the commission that CIP is coming up and that they should start considering any projects that they would like to move forward with.

#### **Directors Report**

##### Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation

- Ms. Amy Mangold reported that the department opened the pool and beach successfully Memorial Day weekend. They did not have to use a reservation system due to new COVID regulations and is excited to have a full season ahead.
- Ms. Mangold also reported the town IT team has done a lot for the department and they were able to help get all the season time clocks, computers, and door fobs up and running for the summer season. They also recently upgraded their Vermont System registration system.
- Ms. Mangold was very excited to report that Newtown Parks and Recreation was rewarded on of the Department of education's Accelerate CT grants of \$25,000 for enrichment and more inclusion in the summer day camps. In addition, Parks and Recreation will be working with Alana and library staff to include literary programs along with other fun and engaging acceleration programs (*Attachment #3 & #4*).
- Ms. Natalie Jackson has been helping vet scholarships for the program as well.

- Ms. Mangold reported that the Rooster Run on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, was a big success and thanks to the Prevention Council sponsorship students in middle school and High School will be entered into a raffle to win carnival bracelets for the carnival coming up at the end of June on the 24, 25, 26, and 27<sup>th</sup> on the Fairfield Hills Campus.
- Parks and Recreation sponsored the Families United in Newtown Concert this past Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at Dickinson Park Band shell that turned out to be a great success. There were many participants that said they hope it is held there again, Ms. Mangold credited Ms. Linda Jones on her amazing job for her fundraiser events.
- The Junior Prom hosted at Dickinson was also a big success, turned out to be a beautiful event and old fashioned.
- Summer concerts are starting this month with the children's series being held on Tuesdays and being sponsored by the library. Thursday night concerts are being sponsored by Claris Construction and Caraluzzi's. We will be having our fans made again like in past years (*Attachments #5 & #6*).
- Last month Ms. Mangold expressed the need to fill the open full time secretary position in the office and was happy to report they will be filling it.
- The skate park enhancements being created with the skaters, the Capozziello Family and American Ramp Company will be ready to be presented at next month's meeting. Ms. Mangold will be reviewing the budget and keeping everyone up to date on the project.
- The Bicycle playground committee will be going to the Fairfield Hills Authority meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> to hopefully further the process of created the new and exciting space.

#### **Assistant Director's Reports:**

##### RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation

- *Attachment #7*

##### Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks

- *Attachment #8 & #9*

**Commissioners out and about:** *Nothing to report.*

#### **Motions:**

- Commissioner Warren Spencer made a motion to further the process and support of the Cultural Arts Dog Park Mural. Commissioner Vincent Yanni seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment of Meeting:** Commissioner Vincent Yanni moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm. Commissioner Rance Thompson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled of Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the multi-purpose room located at 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT unless changed to virtual due to COVID restrictions.

Submitted by,  
Victoria Weimann, Clerk



180 acres



Andrea and Laura,

I have become aware of the interest by the Cultural Arts Commission (below) to do painting of areas of the Fairfield Hills Campus. Please be advised that this is not allowed under the Fairfield Hills Adaptive Reuse zoning regulations, and may NOT move ahead.

It is my understanding that zoning regs for the town also have jurisdiction over murals in any area of the town.

If you wish to discuss this further, please let us know and we can schedule a meeting to discuss.

Thanks, Christal

Andrea received two new proposals for the murals to be created by local artist Lindsay Fuori, one on a fence across from the Senior Center at Fairfield Hills and the other at the dog park. Andrea explained some of the history of this project to the two new Commission members: that Lindsay is a 26-year-old Newtown artist who originally proposed artwork on electrical boxes around town, as many towns have done. It turned out that this was not allowed in Newtown, so she began looking into other possible venues. All members of the Commission received her latest ideas from Andrea via email this week, as did Park & Rec, who is also involved in this project. It was discussed that Fred Hurley needs a head-up about these latest proposals and that Park & Rec liked the second idea for the dog park (different breeds of dogs looking over a fence). Arts Commission members seemed to generally prefer this image over the one of paw prints.

The proposal for the fence across from the Senior Center was to paint an abstract portrait of an original Fairfield Hills building using a bright palette that Lindsey demonstrated to us by sending samples of some of her works done in this fashion. She stated in her proposal that her goal was to "stand document to the quiet beauty of the buildings, be a witness to our town's complex history, and remember the lives lived on the campus in the years before us." The Commission discussed how this would stand up to weather (similarly to Virginia Zimmerman's railroad painting on Church Hill Road, which has done fine). It was mentioned that this needs to be discussed with Matt Ariniello of the Community Center and Natalie Jackson of the Senior Center.

## ENRICHMENT EVENTS AT CAMP

Date	Visitor	Activity	Times
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hobby Quest	Airplane Engineers or Magic Wizards	10:00AM-12:00PM
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quassy Amusement	\$40 per camper	9:00AM-2:00PM
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hobby Quest	Airplane Engineers or Magic Wizards	10:00AM-12:00PM
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bring the Hoopla		12:00PM-1:30PM
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Day Rock Workshop		9:30AM-2:30PM
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hobby Quest	Magic Wizards or Airplane Engineers	10:00AM-12:00PM
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hobby Quest	Magic Wizards or Airplane Engineers	10:00AM-12:00PM
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mad Science	Rocket Show	12:00PM-12:45PM
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hobby Quest	Magic Wizards or Airplane Engineers	10:00AM-12:00PM
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Frisbee Show		12:00PM-1:00PM
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Quassy Amusement	\$40 per camper	9:00AM-2:00PM
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hobby Quest	Magic Wizards or Airplane Engineers	10:00AM-12:00PM
July 1-9-16-23-29 & Aug 5th	Booth Library	Literary Program	Grades K-3: AM Grades 4-6: PM

**Bring the Hoopla** = Fun with a hoop- they teach basic instruction, a variety of age-appropriate hoop games and more. This is a high energy, unique program.

**World Class Frisbee Show with Toss Brodeur** = In this inspiring show Todd captivates his audience with amazing Frisbee tricks, catches and combinations.

**Airplane Engineers** = Soar through the summer with your own hand-made aircrafts! Your Hobby Quest flight captain will teach you how to build helicopters, gliders, and even motorized planes. By the end of the week you'll know all about how planes fly and what each part of the airplane is for. You'll even take your planes outside and see them fly! Children learn fundamental STEM concepts of aviation and valuable skills like following step-by-step instructions, measuring and sanding.

**Magic Wizards** = Abracadabra! Calling all budding magicians- learn to perform astounding tricks this summer! You'll make objects disappear, reappear and float in midair. Mystify your audience with your mastery of mind-reading! Of course, no magician is complete without a spellbinding performance, so at the end of the week, you'll even perform in a real magic show! Camp is designed to enhance communication and performance skills in a supportive, creative atmosphere.

**Mad Science Rocket Show** = Take to the skies as this introduction to rocketry explains how and why rockets fly. We will demonstrate how fast moving gas allows a sphere to float. Learn how propellers push air to create currents for flight lift off. You will learn why rockets don't glide but create enough thrust to defy gravity. You'll witness real model rocket launches that soar several hundreds of feet into the air and deploy parachutes for their return.

**Day Rock Workshop** = Learn to play popular songs on different instruments, hands on educational. Get to play a couple different instruments and sing paced. Desire to have fun.

**Booth Library Enrichment Program** = Staff from the C.H. Booth Public Library will provide staffing for Library Lit Camp once a week from 9-am-3pm for the Newtown Parks and Recreation summer campers at Dickinson Park. Staff will bring a wide selection of library materials to camp each week, representing varying reading levels, genres and formats for children ages 5-13.

1. Teacher led an interactive read aloud.
2. Comprehension building response to the text through a movement or drawing activity.
3. Independent reading time. Students would be able to choose from a variety of books to read on their own provided by the library.
4. Writing response. Each student will have the opportunity to write their thoughts about the books shared with the group or the book they selected to read independently. Younger students may choose to draw their response.

Materials for Lit Camp will include carefully selected books that include authentic texts that reflect student interests, spark their imaginations and keep them on the road to lifelong learning and a love of reading.

**Quassy Trips** = PLEASE REGISTER BY 7AM DAY OF TRIP, NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT CAMP! This information below is Quassy Amusement Park, 2132 Middlebury Road, Middlebury, CT. Bus pickup is at 9:30 am and we will leave Quassy around 2 pm. All day pass for rides and saturation station. Fun filled day! Lunch will be provided from 12-1 pm under the Fieldside Pavilion, one hour of unlimited hamburgers and hotdogs, French fries and beverages.

ACTIVITY: 77777 | FEE: \$40

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# **Tuesday Tunes**

**Dickinson Bandshell  
2:00pm**

<b>June 29</b>	<b>Al deCant and Jill Kubeck</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Steve Elci and Friends</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>T-Bone (Tom Stankus)</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Francine Wheeler</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Mr. Gym</b>
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys</b>

**In the event of rain, concerts will be moved inside to  
Edmond Town Hall**

**Register at [chboothlibrary.org](http://chboothlibrary.org)**

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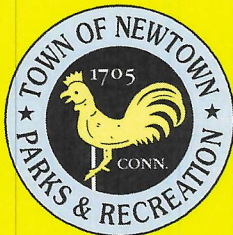
**Claris Construction present**

**2021 FREE SUMMER CONCERTS**

**Dickinson Bandshell**

**Thursday Family-friendly Concerts**

**6:30 - 8 pm**



**6/24 - Keltic Kick\*\***

**7/1 - Goldrush**

**7/8 - Survivor's Swing Band**

**7/15 - Kathy Thompson Band**

**7/22 - Tales of Joy**

**7/29 - Jake Kulak and the LowDown**

**8/5 - Head Over Heels**

**\*\* This performance will take place on the Fairfield Hills  
Campus for Parks and Recreation's Summer Carnival!!!!**

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### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT [www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.newtown-ct.gov/parks-recreation)

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

**FROM:** Rose Ann Reggiano, Assistant Director – Recreation

**DATE:** June 8, 2021

**RE:** Monthly Report

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Pickleball Social was a big success. We had around 90 people attend. We raised \$1500.00. Everyone that attended enjoyed it and looking forward to the next one.

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Rooster Run was live and we had 201 runners between 5K and 10k. At the start of the race everyone had to have a mask on, once the race started, they will allow to remove the mask.

Big Thank you to all of our sponsors: Newtown Prevention Council, "keeping our community safe & substance free, Pleasant Paws Pet Center, Mt Pleasant Hospital for Animals, Red Rooster Pub, Newtown Veterinary Services (NVS), David Nowack, DMD, LLC, Dental Associates of CT, The Newtown Bee, Men's Barber Shop – Roosters Men's Grooming, Holy Cow Ice cream shop, Interstate Lumber Lakeland, Cover Two Sports Café, Carluzzi's Market, Blue Steed Equestrian Embroidery, Franco's Pizza and Café

Woodworking Workshop, simple garden bench finished and the benches they made were amazing!!

I will continue to offer woodworking workshops throughout the year.

Working preparing for summer camps



## 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:** June 8, 2021

**RE:** Monthly park update and field report

Sports are in full swing as academic and rec sports are nearing the end of the spring season. We have many playoffs and tournaments coming up in the next month. We will soon be getting the parks ready for day camp as we move towards July.

**Dickinson Park:** We are in the process of patching a hole in the pavilion roof and continue to cover up graffiti which has become a very frequent issue. We have had a few recent larger events here which went well.

**Newtown Middle School:** We continue to mow and groom on a regular schedule here.

**Orchard Hill:** No new news here.

**Lake Lillinonah:** The buffer garden renovation has been completed.

**Oakview:** Field fertility and regular mowing continues here. The mulching here has also been completed..

**Tilson Field:** No news here.

**Treadwell Soccer/Softball:** We painted the softball field for senior night which traditionally includes large softballs in the outfield with the numbers of graduating seniors.

**Glander Fields:** We have started the dugout installation as regular mowing and grooming continues.

**Liberty Fields:** Regular grooming, mowing and painting will continue through the spring sports season.

**Walnut Tree:** The entrance gate and about 40 linear feet of fencing was destroyed here. Based on the cost of the gate this will be a \$12-14K repair. Regular mowing and grooming continue here.

**Fairfield Hills:** We set up and broke down for the Rooster Run. Some topsoil and seeding is in progress at the community center as is mulching behind the building as the eaves are repaired. Regular mowing and grooming around campus continues. Broken bollards on the walking trail have been replaced and the graffiti on the trail benches was removed. A new memorial bench on the trail was installed as well.

**NHS Fields:** The fields are cut, groomed and painted for the NHS athletic season. The field are in good shape. We are working with NHS on some minor improvements here.

**Sandy Hook School:** These fields are open and on the regular grooming, mowing and painting schedule.

**Hawley School Fields:** These fields are open and on the regular grooming, mowing and painting schedule.

**Eichlers Cove Marina:** New sand has been added to the beach. We also reestablished the swail to help keep the sand in place when it rains hard. The beds were mulched and pruning was completed prior to Memorial Day weekend. A new swim line was put in along with the lifeguard chairs being installed for the season.

**Dog Park:** No new news here although we have established a permanent mowing time on Wednesday mornings so the guys can get the park cut without worry of dogs getting hurt.

**Treadwell Park:** The pools was opened on schedule for Memorial Day weekend with new gutters and many other freshened mechanics. We have set a new light pole for pool security lighting and will be adding the light very soon. The flagpole here was repaired and the volleyball nets have been replaced. All of the parking lines were repainted here as well.

**Pole Bridge Preserve:** No new news here

**Watertown Field:** These fields are open and on the regular grooming, mowing and painting schedule.

Staff:

- 248 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1672 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 14.8% loss in workforce.