

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 14, 2022, with an opportunity for phone – in public participation, at the Newtown Community Center, 8 Simpson St, Newtown, CT 06470

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton DePaolo at 6:01pm

Present: Clinton DePaolo, Rance Thompson, Aaron Britton, Warren Spencer

Staff Present: Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson, RoseAnn Reggiano

Absent: David Payne, Jim Parker, Vincent Yanni

Public: *None*

Public Participation:

- *None*

Acceptance of Minutes: Acceptance of the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting has been tabled until July due to lack of quorum.

Acceptance of Minutes: Acceptance of the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting has been tabled until July due to lack of quorum.

Old Business

- **Tilson Light Controller Upgrade *Update:*** mr. Carl Samuelson reviewed the work that has been done at Treadwell for the light box upgrade. Following up from last month's commission meeting Mr. Samuelson told commission members that there would be a cost of \$4,925 to be able to make the final repairs to the Tilson light box.
 - *Mr. Rance Thompson made a motion to approve \$4,925 out of surcharge to make the upgrades. Mr. Warren Spencer seconded the motion. All voted in favor in the motion passed.*

Old Business

- *None*

Correspondence

- Sarah Middleleer sent an email thanking the parks crew for their hard work and dedication. (Attachment #1)
- First selectman, Dan Rosenthal, sent an email thanking the Parks in Rec department for their hard work and dedication to make the adaptive playground at Dickinson possible. (Attachment #2)

Chairman's Report

Clinton DePaolo, Chairman Newtown Parks and Recreation

- Mr. Clinton DePaolo shared that the ribbon-cutting for the adaptive plane rounded Dickinson went well.
- Mr. DePaolo shared that he and Miss Amy Mangold will be attending the Planning and Zoning meeting on Thursday, June 16, to present the bicycle playground. He is looking forward to moving forward with the project.

Directors Report

Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Amy Mangold was excited to share that she had applied for a summer enrichment grant and was awarded \$67,000 to put towards this year's summer camp to be able to help make it more accessible to more families. (Attachments #3 and #4)
- Ms. Mangold shared that the second annual Pickleball event went very well. It started at the pickle ball courts and then went to Newsylum Brewing for T-shirt sales in a silent auction.
- Ms. Mangold also shared that the ribbon cutting for the adaptive playground at Dickinson went well and that it was a great event. She is looking forward to being more inclusive and working with Natalie Jackson and social services to be able to provide more.
- The pool and beach opened on Memorial Day weekend. It was a great start to the season and she is looking forward to a great summer.
- Ms. Mangold has been working with the Newtown Prevention Council to try and keep tough conversations going and to help those in need and to be able to offer more resources for those who need them.

Assistant Director's Reports:

RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation

- Ms. Roseann Reggiano shared the Strutt your mutt event in May went great. There were about 70 to 75 dogs that participated in the walk. Everyone was so happy to be back for the event. The event raised \$1,655 for the dog park fund. Miss Reggiano gave a big thank you to Pleasant Paws Pet Center and Mount Pleasant Animal Hospital for donating 2 prize baskets for the final strut your mutt event.
- Ms. Reggiano shared that the opening of the pool and beach memorial day weekend was very busy at both sites. The pool has been averaging 45 to 75 visits Per day. Eichlers cool is averaging for 10 visits per week day in 25 to 50 on the weekend. So far there have been 710 memberships sold this season.
- The annual rooster run will be this Saturday, June 18. So far there are 213 people signed up; 127 for the 5K, 54 for the 10K and 32 signed up for the little chicks.
- Sign-ups for day camp are going well. There are a total of 802 campers for all the weeks between both sites.

- Teen adventure camp numbers are over the top. One of the weeks has a total of 42 campers. Ms. Reggiano shared that they have decided to add Friday trips due to the high number of sign ups. She also gave a big thank you to Ms. Nicole Nicholson who works part time in the office and is the teen adventure camp Director and has been doing an awesome job.
- Ms. Reggiano shared that she has been getting a lot of requests for a porta John at the Pickleball courts in Fairfield Hills. Mr. Samuelson and Ms. Mangold said they would look into it.

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks

- *Attachments #5 and #6*

Commissioners out and about:

- Mr. Aaron Britton shared that he also attended the ribbon-cutting for the adaptive playground at Dickinson. He mentioned it was a very nice ceremony and it was nice to see the Girl Scouts there helping.

Motions:

- Mr. Rance Thompson made a motion to approve \$4,925 out of surcharge to make the upgrades for the Musco control system. Mr. Warren Spencer seconded the motion. All voted in favor in the motion passed.

Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Newtown Community Center multi-purpose room located at 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT unless changed to virtual due to COVID restrictions.

Submitted by,

Victoria Weimann, Clerk

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 7, 2022

RE: Monthly park update and field report

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Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

Thank you!

1 message

Correspondence

Sarah Middleleer <swmiddleleer@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 10:15 PM

To: Carl Samuelson <carl.samuelson@newtown-ct.gov>

Cc: Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

Carl, thanks so much for putting up those "pop-up" tents today. When I awoke to rain, I figured that you'd put them up. Then when the sun came out I felt bad about asking for them. But everyone loved the tents. The sun was indeed strong. Thank you both for all the support you've given to the garden for the last 3-4 years! How wonderful it would be if there could be an annual line-item in the budget for maintaining the garden! But oh well, in the meantime we appreciate your help very much, knowing that what you do for the garden comes out of your budget for other things. So once again, many thanks!!

Sarah

6/6/22, 8:58 AM

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Town of Newtown Mail - Playground



Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>

Playground

1 message

Dan Rosenthal <dan.rosenthal@newtown-ct.gov>

Sat, Jun 4, 2022 at 1:26 PM

To: Amy Mangold <amy.mangold@newtown-ct.gov>, Carl Samuelson <carl.samuelson@newtown-ct.gov>, "Moore, John" <john.moore@newtown-ct.gov>

Dear Amy, Carl and John,

My thanks to you all for working hard to make today's dedication possible. It's an awesome addition to the park and it was nice to see all of the excitement from children to adults today. Please extend my thanks to the staff as all I did was approve the money, they did the work.

With gratitude,
Dan

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2022 Summer Enrichment Grant Expansion Budget Narrative

Personnel Services-Employee Salaries eligible for coverage with the grant

| | |
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| -Assistant Camp Director | \$5,000 |
| -Social Worker \$7,500 support student's social, emotional, mental and physical health. (Criteria) | |
| -Skateboard Instructor | \$4,500 |
| Staff Shirts | \$500 |
| Campers shirts | \$500 |
| Art & Crafts supplies | \$1,000 |

Enrichment Programs Dickinson Day Camp

Emjay Enterprises Empower Staff Training: \$750

First Aide CPR Training \$240

QPR Training \$300

Library Literacy Program: \$1,680.00: 4 camps every Friday 9am-3pm for 6 consecutive weeks (this includes travel and prep time of 2 additional hours per week: 48 hrs. at a rate of \$35 per hour.

\$250: Drawing materials and journals for each camper.

Day Rock Music Program/lessons June 23 \$900

August 11 \$900

Connecticut Humane Society Pets and Caring program: \$225

Mad Science July 21 \$425

Ultimate Trampoline Park July 14 \$1,187

Yard Goats Baseball Game July 7 & 20th \$1,375

Rockin Jump Trampoline Park July 14 \$1,187

Sports Center of CT August 3 \$535

Splash Down Beach August 10 \$1000

Quassy Amusement Park June 29 & 27 \$2,400
\$11,424

Dickinson Bus Fees:

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Quassy Amusement Park x 2 | \$530 |
| Rockin Jump | \$262 |
| Hartford Yard Goats | \$369 |
| Sports Center of CT | \$267 |
| Splashdown Beach | <u>\$340</u> |
| | \$1318 |

Dickinson Teen Adventure Camp Fees

| | Admission | Bus |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 6/27 & 7/18 Xtreme Play | \$875 | \$224 x2 = \$2198 |
| 6/28 & 7/26 IT Rope Adventure Course | \$693 | \$ 342 x2= \$2070 |
| 6/29 Team VS Time | \$750 | \$342 = \$1092 |
| 6/30 & 7/14 Brownstone | \$1453 | \$342 x2= \$3590 |
| 7/5 Urban Air | \$875 | \$342 = \$1217 |
| 7/6 & 7/13 Paintball Sports | \$1000 | \$333 = x2 \$2666 |
| 7/7 Discovery Adventure Park | \$875 | \$284 = \$1159 |
| 7/8 & 7/28 Lake Compounce | \$812 | \$342= \$1154 |
| 7/11 & 7/27 Bronx Zoo | \$775 | \$444 x2 = \$2438 |
| 7/12& 7/25 Adventure Mystic | \$619 | \$516 x2 = \$2266 |
| 7/19 Kingfisher Adventure | \$750 | \$394 = \$1144 |
| 7/20 Ocean Beach | \$525 | \$526= \$1051 |
| 7/21 Chelsea Piers | \$950 | \$281= <u>\$1095</u> |

\$23,258

Camp Scholarships: Scholarships will be based on need determined by social services and to offer camp at no cost to residents from other towns as well Last year we awarded 25 individual scholarships totaling \$10,266 of summer enrichment. We plan to double this effort through targeted outreach and determined by our waiting list: up to \$20,000.



To Whom it May Concern,

The C.H. Booth Public Library is happy to collaborate with Newtown Parks and Recreation again this summer. Last summer the library hosted six outdoor concerts at the Dickinson Park Band Shell. More than 700 children and adults attended. In addition to the concert series, the library hosted a "Library Lit Camp," every Friday for six weeks. A staff member from the library led interactive read aloud sessions with campers in small groups followed by a creative response in the form of a drawing or writing activity. The program was so popular that we were asked to return again this summer. As the children's librarian, it has been my mission to provide children, families and teachers with relevant programs and resources that support learning and a lifelong love of reading. The children's section of the library has a collection of nearly 40,000 items, and we are always looking for ways to extend our reach to those children who may not be able to get to the library or they just haven't taken advantage of our resources. It will be my pleasure to work with Amy Mangold and her staff to provide additional enrichment to the robust recreational programs provided by Newtown Parks and Recreation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alana Bennison, MLS

Director of Children's Services

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