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- Parks & Recreation restructure has taken place and all FY2023-2024 Operating Budgets have been submitted as of January 11, 2023.
- Citywide ERP/Oracle testing/training has been ongoing throughout this month with Operations staff. System will be in place by March 6, 2023.
- Newly Created Park & Recreation newsletter created by our Marketing Coordinator, Ashley Cooke. It covers all highlights and programs offered at Terry Conner Rink and E.G. Brennan Golf Course and is designed to provide alerts to all recreational activities and what's going on within the parks which will be illustrated by upcoming or current projects.
- Link for the newsletter <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/3gUIZsM/StamfordRecEmailList>
- Recreation winter leagues and programs are in progress. We are hosting volleyball, basketball, swim lessons, soccer, pickleball and Friday night ski trips to Thunder Ridge.
- Star Center winter programs are in session and are full.
- Terry Conner Rink's busy winter season continues with youth and high school teams and day-to-day synchronized skating and lesson programs.
- Coordinating summer Recreation programs and camps within Board of Representatives schools through Board of Education facilities and Engineering regarding school summer projects. Six (6) sites needed.
- Program expansion for park attendants to monitor quality-of-life issues at additional parks as we do at the parks and beaches in season. Schedule will be made to reflect parks that have high activity and duality life documentations for a presence.
- Program expansion highlighting Board of Representatives tree resolution to include manpower and equipment needed. (*Resolution Attached*)
- Citywide tennis court plan to alert Administration that we did not obtain the House Bond we recently applied for in the amount of \$750,000. Would like to resubmit and/or capture other funding to support the Scalzi Park tennis courts project which is estimated at \$1.3 million.
- Attended the January 10, 2023 Planning Board Capital Budget Public Hearing which allowed residents to speak on the Scalzi Park tennis courts project and other game court locations for consideration.
- Scalzi Park playground repair is complete and the unit is open. Next repair is for Lione Park.
- Cove Marina dredging, which began November 28, 2022, is ongoing and is scheduled to be completed by January 31, 2023 which is the end of the dredging season.
- Park Maintenance is currently in winter mode with cleaning of all parks.

- Attached are Terry Conner Rink fee increases to be approved, which will have to go to the Boards with a Public Hearing to be scheduled.
- Parks & Recreation starts planning for the July 4, 2023 fireworks. Grucci will be on year-two of their contract. Working with M Communications for DJ and sound for the event.
- Invited to Board of Representatives Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 to discuss the following items:
 1. PR31.012 REVIEW; Dredging at Cove Marina. 12/12/22 - Submitted by Rep. Sherwood.
 2. PR31.013 REVIEW; Future Plans for Cummings Park and Cummings Marina. 12/12/22 - Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Watkins, and Bewkes
 3. PR31.014 REVIEW; Overview of Department of Parks & Recreation Services Department. 01/04/23 - Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
- Citywide Parks and Strategic Plan: Operations working with local office and TPL. (*January Minutes Attached*)
- Received information on new State Bill in CT banning state and town governments from purchasing artificial turf. Administration discussions will be needed for the current state of our two (2) fields within the parks.
- Barrett Park Project Update: Draft plans and review cost estimate internally to be scheduled and last Public Meeting scheduled for January 31, 2023.

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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MEGAN COTTRELL

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RESOLUTION NO. 4159 ENCOURAGING THE MAYOR TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE FY 2023/2024 BUDGET TO BETTER MANAGE AND CARE FOR TREES ON CITY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives recognizes that trees are a valuable natural resource and a major capital asset that provide aesthetic, economic, ecological, environmental, and health benefits to the municipality and its residents;

WHEREAS, the treatment of trees on public property can have significant impacts not only on those properties, but also on neighboring properties, the streetscape, and the entire municipality;

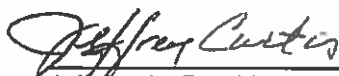
WHEREAS, the loss of existing trees upon land owned by the City may result in increased municipal costs to control drainage, increased soil erosion and sedimentation, decreased fertility of the soil, decreased local groundwater recharge, decreased air quality, increased dust, loss of wildlife habitat, and change in the City's visual character;

WHEREAS, these impacts may adversely impact the overall quality of life in the City, create urban heat islands, with the resulting deterioration of conditions affecting the health, safety, and general wellbeing of the inhabitants within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives recognizes that for these reasons the need to properly manage and care for the trees in the City's urban setting is essential now and for the City's future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES that it respectfully recommends and encourages the Mayor to allocate funds to the FY 2023/2024 budget to conduct a geographic information systems (GIS) tree inventory to locate and identify the existing trees on City property; to purchase at least one water tank truck; to purchase and plant new trees in the City's downtown area in cooperation with the Downtown Special Services District; and to hire at least one additional parks maintenance person; all so that the City may better manage and care for this valuable resource and asset.

This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives held on November 7, 2022.



Jeff Curtis, President
31st Board of Representatives



Megan Cottrell, Clerk
31st Board of Representatives

cc: Mayor Caroline Simmons
Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations
Sandra L. Dennies, Director of Administration
Dr. Elda Sinani, OPM Director
Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff

Lyda Ruijter, Town & City Clerk
Loren Nadres, Director of Economic Development
Douglas Dalena, Esq., Law Department
Louis DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health, & Welfare

2023/24 Proposed Rates

Public Admission

Child (u-18)	8.00
Adult	10.00
Child Resident Card	80.00
Adult Resident Card	100.00
Resident Seniors	2.00
Non Resident Seniors	4.00

Skate Rentals

Reg. Skate Rental	4.00
Training Aides	2.00
Lesson & Groups	3.00

Group Rates

Resident Child	3.00
Resident Adult	5.00
Non Resident Child	5.00
Non Resident Adult	8.00

Open Hockey

Child/Student/Adult	15.00
Child/Adult Resident Card	150.00
Private Hockey Lesson	20.00

Freestyle Sessions

One (1) hour sessions	18.00
Multi Use Ticket	180.00

Instructors (private lessons)

Non-Staff Professionals (per day)	10.00
(For public, open hockey, freestyle sessions)	

High School Hockey

Child/Student/Adult	7.00	8.00
Seniors	N/C	

Birthday Parties

Party Deposit	130.00
Each Skater	13.00
Res. Discount - 3 free after 10 skaters	

Advertisement Space

In Ice Full Center Circle	1,250.00*	
In Ice Neutral Zone Space	750.00*	
Board Ad Space One Side	1,200.00	1,250-
Board Ad Space Both Sides	2,100.00	2,200-

All Ads for 1 year

*Available for local youth groups/schools only

Group Lessons

8 week Cycle	160.00
Each Lesson	20.00
<u>Stamford Resident Discount</u>	
Cont. Registration 10%	144.00

Summer Camp

Full Day-Full Week	375.00
Half Day-Full Week	250.00
<u>Stamford Resident Discounts</u>	
Full Day-Full Week Multi Weeks	325.00
Half Day-Full Week Multi Weeks	220.00

Room Rental

Meetings	N/C when available
For Stamford NP TCR groups only.	
Meetings/Others	25.00 hr.
Classes per hour	40.00

Ice Rental

Resident	410.00	440-
Off Season	410.00	425-
Non Resident	485.00	510-
(Off Season April 1-Aug. 31)		



PROJECT: STAMFORD CITYWIDE PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN

DATE: JANUARY 06, 2023, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Zoom

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Chrysothemi Kouloumentas (LOCAL)
Autumn Visconti (LOCAL)

SUBJECT: GRANTS MEETING

ATTENDEES: LOCAL OFFICE (8FIRE):

Walter Meyer (WM)
Tricia Martin (TM)
Autumn Visconti (AV)
Chrysothemi Kouloumentas (CK)

JAMES LIMA (JLPD):

Yuxiang Luo (YL)
Hayley Oleksiak (HO)

TPL (TPL):

Sam Savin (SS)
Stephanie Flynn (SF)

Mayor's Office:

Caroline Simmons (CS)
Bridget Fox (BF)

Mill River Park Collaborative:

Nette Compton (NC)

Grants Manager:

Anita Carpenter (AC)

DC Lobbyist:

Andy Seth (AS)

STAMFORD:

Matthew Quinones (MQ)
Kevin Murray (KM)

Item No.	Description	Date	Action By	Status
1.1	Autumn (AV) kicked off meeting with introductions.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.2	Matt (MQ) gave a discussion overview. Bucket A will be grant dollars to seek for the strategic plan; Bucket B will be concepts that might come out of the strategic plan for further funding opportunities.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.3	AV gave overview on first steps. Intention is to create a holistic vision and develop strategies and phasing.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.4	Andy (AS) noted funding opportunities from the federal government within the March-April timeframe. The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program through the National Park Service (NPS) is an important one to go after; \$10M in grants for parks projects this year.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.5	AS noted how to strategize to pursue funding through ORLP, and what they are looking for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Park Deserts: there should be no or limited parks within a 0.5-mile radius of the area we are surveying. 	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A

	<p>2. Poverty: proposed parks should serve communities with 20% poverty.</p> <p>3. Advanced Planning: need to show more than just a concept. The further advanced the planning the better.</p>			
1.6	AS clarified that there is no need for construction level documents.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.7	Stephanie (SF) explained that NPS expects a 30-60% design completion upon submission. They need to do a NEA check and Historic Preservation review before the grant is awarded. Once the grant is awarded there can be no changes to the design.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.8	AV asked what state level funding sources there might be for opportunities centered around infrastructure upgrades, connectivity to parks across communities, recreational opportunities, open space network.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
1.9	Walter (WM) added to that point and asked about other funding opportunities to get us to the ORLP grant deliverable. Brought up Miami Riverkeeper Grant as an example on a project.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.0	WM shared the World Health Organization's Arts and Public Health program, to potentially leverage funding opportunities to integrate art into public open spaces.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.1	Nette (NC) stated that funds will most likely roll through the state level. They want to fund existing and prioritized Stamford parks and support future urban forestry programs.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.2	SF mentioned potential funding programs: State Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Transportation Alternatives, Families for Safe Streets, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants, Dept. of Transportation Equity Action Plan.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.3	Kevin (KM) noted that his team has begun identifying park improvement projects to work with, and labeling which district each one belongs to.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.4	LOCAL to request a copy of that list.	01/06/2023	KEVIN	OPEN
2.5	Mayor Simmons (CS) noted an upcoming meeting with the DEEP Commissioner and upcoming DC Conference of Mayors for key meetings on advocacy for parks.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.6	AS wanted to create a wish list of next step projects that will take us to the next level.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.7	MQ noted that the goal of the strategic plan is to not wait for the completion, but to identify opportunities as we go.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.8	LOCAL to synthesize everything moving forward and set forth a vision for the stakeholders.	01/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2.9	LOCAL to synthesize information from this meeting and reach out with opportunities to move forward with.	01/06/2023	LOCAL	OPEN

The above represents understanding of the undersigned of the items discussed in the meeting and the actions required and by which specific party. Any revisions should be made in writing within three (3) business days after receipt of these minutes or at the next meeting. If not received by then the above will be considered a matter of record.

End of minutes

Date of next meeting: TBC