

AGENDA
(REVISED OCTOBER 16, 2023)
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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- The meeting shall be recorded and the video shall be posted on the City of Stamford website
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 - The Parks & Recreation Commission shall moderate the audio for attendees.
 - Attendees shall be on mute and will be unmuted when called to speak by the Commission members.
 - Any Attendee wishing to submit materials or a written statement prior to the meeting can send it to
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CALL TO ORDER:

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** Each individual requesting to speak shall send a Chat Message to the Chair stating their name and address for the record. Public participation comments shall be limited to 3 minutes.
- Review of the September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

- *Speakers from the public will have 5 minutes each to speak.*
 - *Any public speaker wishing to submit a written statement prior to the meeting can send it to Lesley Capp, Assistant to the Parks & Recreation Commission at lcapp@stamfordct.gov or to Paul Newman, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair at pnewman@stamfordct.gov or submit the request through a Chat message to the Chair during the meeting.*
 - *During the meeting, please do not send Chat messages to “Everyone” as it is distracting for all attendees.*
 - *Public Speakers calling in will be allowed to speak first. Callers will push “*9” to use the raise hand feature to indicate they would like to speak. Each speaker will clearly state their name and address for the record prior to making any comments.*
 - *Speakers attending online will be allowed to speak second. Those online participants who wish to speak must send a Chat Message to the Moderator and the Parks & Recreation Chair with their name and address to sign-up to speak. Speakers will be taken in the order the Chat Messages are received.*
 - *All public speakers shall announce their name and address clearly for the record prior to speaking.*
- **SCOFIELDTOWN PARK DOG PARK:** The Parks & Recreation Commission will consider the installation of a Dog Park at Scofieldtown Park located at Scofieldtown Road and Rock Rimmon Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

REGULAR MEETING TO CONTINUE AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Mags Conroy - Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating - *22nd Annual Terry Connors Synchronized Skating Open - Saturday, December 2, 2023 & Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Terry Connors Rink* - Set-up Begins at 10:30 a.m. and Clean-up Ends at 5:00 p.m. - 700 Total Participants.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Publicly Accessible Amenity Spaces (PAAS) - Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief:** Mr. Blessing will provide information on Publicly Accessible Amenity Spaces in the City of Stamford.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Cummings Park & Scalzi Park - Pickleball Courts - Doug Edwards, Ambassador, USA Pickleball Association:** Mr. Edwards will make a presentation on proposed work at the Cummings Park and Scalzi Park pickleball courts.
- **Policy, Rules, Guidelines & Vision for Stamford Parks** (*Tabled from the July 19, 2023, August 16, 2023 & September 20, 2023 Meetings*): Review of the proposed edits discussed at the July 19, 2023 meeting.

TOURNAMENTS:

- No Tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No Correspondence or as may properly be introduced before the Commission.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation: Parks & Recreation Update.

DISCUSSION:

- **Citywide Parks Strategic Plan Update.**
- **Parks & Recreation Commission Strategic Goals for 2023/2024.**
- **Update of Parks & Recreation Commission Strategic Goals for 2022/2023 as follows:**
 - Mr. Newman and Ms. Hollas: Friends Groups.
 - Ms. Hollas: Invasive Species initiative & RFP Update.
 - Mr. Tedder and Ms. Katz: Foundation and the City website.
- **Application and Waiver Agreement for volunteer groups to work in the City parks.**

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS (Tabled from the September 20, 2023 Meeting):

- Nominations from the floor for Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson.
- Nominations from the floor for Parks & Recreation Commission Vice-Chairperson.
- Election of Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson.
- Election of Parks & Recreation Commission Vice-Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT