

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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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 October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing Draft Minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Lynne Colatrella - Stamford Downtown Special Services - ***Fire and Ice - Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Columbus Park*** - Set-up Begins at 9:00 a.m. and Clean-up Ends at 10:00 p.m. - 197 Total Participants.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Lindsay Bridenbaker, Daughters of the American Revolution - Fort Stamford Park.** Ms. Bridenbaker will present a proposal for a commemorative plaque to be placed in Fort Stamford Park in recognition of the 250th anniversary (2026) of the Revolutionary War and founding of the United States.
- **Capital Budget FY2024-2025 - Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation.** Mr. Murray will review all Parks capital requests being made for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- **Field Policy Manual Update - Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation.** Mr. Murray will present a proposal to add language detailing duration of sanctioning for Adult and Youth Sanctioned Leagues.
- **2024 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Scofieldtown Park Dog Park.** Follow-up to the October 18, 2023 Public Hearing, specifically any potential impacts to birds and wildlife.
- **Field Use Policy.** Melanie Hollas, Chair and Gabi Silver will provide an update on the Field Use information being compiled with Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Megan Gearhart, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation.
- **Policy, Rules, Guidelines & Vision for Stamford Parks** (*Tabled from the July 19, 2023; August 16, 2023; September 20, 2023 & October 18, 2023 Meetings*): Gabi Silver will present the updated Assets Excel Spreadsheet. Discuss forming a sub-committee to review and recommend changes moving forward.

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.**
- **Discuss the environmental impacts of the use of balloons and confetti and potentially banning both in City parks.**
- **Discuss working with Board of Representatives Parks & Recreation Committee to place restrictions on political signs in parks and current State/City restrictions due to next year's elections.**
- **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.
 - Ms. Adetola and Ms. Katz: Foundation and the City website.
- **Application and Waiver Agreement for volunteer groups to work in the City parks.**

ADJOURNMENT