

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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Web Meeting Ground Rules:

- The meeting shall be recorded and the video shall be posted on the City of Stamford website
http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=9
- 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
lcapp@stamfordct.gov.

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 November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Jenna Karpowich - Soundwaters - *SoundWaters Polar Plunge - Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cove Island Park* - Set-up Begins at 10:00 a.m. and Clean-up Ends at 1:00 p.m. - 200 Total Participants.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Capital Budget FY 2024-2025 & Capital Plan FY 2025-2031:** The Planning Board will review all Capital Budget submissions at their December 12 and December 19, 2023 meetings with the final version being posted on the Planning Board website by Friday, December 22, 2023. The Public Hearing for the Capital Budget is scheduled for January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Board of Representatives, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting - November 30, 2023 - Melanie Hollas, Chair and Michael Tedder, Vice-Chair:** Ms. Hollas and Mr. Tedder will provide details from the meeting they attended discussing the Bocce Court costs at Scalzi Park and working with Greenwich's Parks & Recreation at Rosa Hartman and Mianus River Parks. Erin McKenna, Senior Planner, Land Use Bureau, will be setting up walk-throughs of both parks with the Board of Representatives, Parks & Recreation Committee members, Greenwich and the Parks & Recreation Commission. All parties are interested in working more closely together on invasive species removal and native plantings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Lindsay Bridenbaker, Daughters of the American Revolution - Fort Stamford Park.** (*Tabled from the November 15, 2023 Meeting*) Follow up to 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. Date for a site visit as discussed at the November meeting yet to be determined.
- **Scofieldtown Park Dog Park:** Follow up to the Public Hearing held on October 18, 2023. Erin McKenna, Senior Planner, Land Use Bureau and Aris Stalis, Aris Land Studio, will return to present updates to the project at a second Public Hearing to be scheduled for January 17, 2024.
- **Field Policy Manual Update - Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation.** (*Tabled from the November 15, 2023 Meeting*) Final review and approval of revisions discussed at the November 15, 2023 meeting.
- **Field Policy Use - Melanie Hollas, Chair.** Ms. Hollas will make a presentation showing updated charts with the number of teams, playing fields, etc. compiled from meetings with Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation and Meagan Gearhart, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation.
- **2024 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule.** (*Tabled from the November 15, 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:

- **City Wide Strategic Plan - Status.** Parks Retreat attendance list to be corrected with proper names and affiliations.
- Follow up discussion from the November 15, 2023 meeting on the environmental impacts of the use of balloons and confetti and potentially banning both in City parks. Review potential speakers; possibility of having a Special Meeting or Public Hearing; review of proposed language and process with Board of Representatives, Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Discuss who would be interested in working with Melanie Hollas, Chair and Board of Representatives, Parks & Recreation Committee to place restrictions on political signs in parks and current State/City restrictions due to next year's election.
- Review past 2022/2023 Fiscal Goals with proposed new 2023/2024 Fiscal Goals.
- **2022/2023 Updates - Paul Newman, Commissioner:** Parks not zoned as parks.

ADJOURNMENT