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Meeting Minutes of the Parker Memorial Park Commission, Town of Branford, Connecticut  
Regular Meeting of June 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Parker Memorial Park, Branford.

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Present: Commissioners Esborn, Kovi, Masotta, Radulski, and Redman; absent: None. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved, with the motion to accept by Commissioner Esborn and seconded by Commissioner Redman.

**Public Comments and Budget:** There were no members of the public present, and no budget report, as the Commission's funds have been transferred to the Town's Parks and Recreation Department.

**Correspondence:** Members of the public have been contacting Commissioners with requests regarding memorial benches (three donations are pending or have been delivered, with one donation on hold due to the increased price of the benches, which is to be checked against the price paid by the Town) and a wedding on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, a reading program has requested access to the Park on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 2:30 PM, with the following date as the rain date; Commissioner Radulski will issue any parking passes needed, once further information has been received. Additionally, the Commission received a request previously that the use of an electric mower for Park use be investigated; Commissioner Masotta was to follow up with Director Palluzzi of the Town's Parks and Recreation Department on that possibility. Finally, the Commission discussed a request that the large lights in the Park be modified so that they can be turned off for special events such as the Town fireworks; Commissioner Radulski is to research that topic.

**Old Business:**

1. The most recent update to the 'punchlist' of requests for maintenance/repair items, sent to Alex Palluzzi, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, was reviewed in April for Spring/Summer action items. The punchlist items have been removed from the body of the minutes, and the remainder of the action items below reflect items within the Commission's area of responsibility. Commissioner Radulski will perform a walkthrough of the Park before the next meeting and update the punchlist for the Commission's review at the next Commission meeting.
2. Regarding walking of dogs in the Park, refer to the previous minutes.
3. Commissioner Redman noted in May that she'd recently observed pedestrians walking in the roadway near Big Rock and that action will be needed to prevent an accident between vehicles and pedestrians. Refer to the previous minutes for discussion of the Department of Public Works installing a pedestrian path off of the road.
4. Issuance of parking stickers was discussed again; Commissioner Radulski is to contact Town Hall as to how the process of issuing stickers might be streamlined, such as issuing resident stickers upon either issuance of or payment of tax bills (with a review of how many tax bills go unpaid) and considering how much revenue the Town gains from the individual sticker sales and the burden on the Town to issue each sticker, as well as Dr. Parker's bequeathing stipulation that the property making up the Park was for the enjoyment of the people of Branford. Also, it might be advantageous to residents to have the stickers be configured to be adhered inside windshields instead of on bumpers.

**New Business:**

1. A parkgoer communicated to Commissioner Radulski that installation of another baby swing in the Playscape would be appreciated.

2. The flag was recently replaced with a smaller flag; the size of the flag is to be discussed by Commissioner Radulski with Director Palluzzi.
3. It was discussed whether gate guards should be moved off their duties on rainy days and reassigned to fair-weather days to assist the guard at the gate by patrolling the Park; that is to be discussed by Commissioner Radulski with Director Palluzzi.

**Continuing Items to Monitor:**

1. The area near the bocce court has been reported to sometimes have had personally owned items near it. Commissioner Radulski is monitoring the area.
2. The operability of the lights at the main gate and dock are being checked by Commissioner Radulski periodically, and he's been adjusting the timing of the lights at the main gate to reflect the time of sunset.
3. Commissioner Radulski reported at a previous meeting that he'd heard from several members of the public that the main beach appears to have a steep dropoff; he stated that he'll investigate this at the next convenient low tide and report his observations to the Commission.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7 PM, via whatever means are available, allowing for safety; the location will be stated in that meeting's agenda and will likely be Parker Memorial Park, at the bench near bathroom building, depending on the weather forecast; the alternative location will be the Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Radulski, Chairman