

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING of the PARKER MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Town of Branford, CT, Wednesday, December 20th, 2023, at 7:00 PM, at the

Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St., Branford, CT

Call to order; roll call; call for new agenda items; review of previous minutes; public comment; budget report

Correspondence and communications, including review of function dates, requests for special access to the Park, and memorial/commemorative donation of items (benches, plantings, etc.).

New Business: As introduced.

Old Business – per the past minutes

1. Discussion of Harbor Lights 2023, held on December 16th.
2. Discussion of the inter-departmental meeting regarding enforcement of dogs being prohibited from the Park.
3. Actions for advertisement of and enforcement of prohibited activities: Sturdy “No dogs” sign needed for Big Rock.
4. Reports of meetings/communications with other Departments (Police, Recreation, Public Works, Fire, Engineering, Gate Guards, etc.), and any notes on the following:
 - a. Road/margin condition, width at flagpole area; installing a walkway from the bocce court to Big Rock and on up the hill and installing new signage. (Deferred: delineating parking spaces in the main parking lot with lime or another marking material; installing a gate at the main entrance.)
 - b. Tree condition and trimming, including ‘volcano’-type mulching which will damage bark and kill the tree; branch condition/interference in the cherry trees near the Playscape.
 - c. Equipment/facilities: Flagpole illumination; the operability of the drains in the bathrooms, water fountains, and showers; bathhouse railings’ rust; grills and picnic tables, especially what grill repairs (via welding) can be performed in-house; bathrooms (interior and exterior lights, etc.); checks of swings’ fittings for soundness; bocce court (condition, and checks for any privately owned items); fence maintenance; seasonal Park cleanup (including of leaves on the deck of the bathhouse and in other parts of the Park); completion of repair of the men’s room screen door, elimination of erosion on the north sledding hill, etc. Some benches have been removed for maintenance; others have been removed permanently due to degraded condition.
 - d. Seawalls/walls/jetty; sidewalk at the jetty area; beach profile (reported by parkgoer to be “too steep”).
 - e. Reports of any vandalism/mischief or other ordinance infractions, including any dumping; discussion of any recent issues at the west shore of the Park by the jumping area at ‘Little Rock.’
 - f. Lights’ operability – main gate, Dock, by the Fitzgerald house, and by the bathhouse.
 - g. Park hours and signage regarding the Park hours; addition of a “Children Playing” sign near the cottages.
 - h. Other Departments’/organizations’ events in the Park, possible evening powerboat parade and the next Branford River Parade (Branford Land Trust, for non-powered craft); also, see Harbor Lights above.
5. Updating/reposting of Town and Recreation Department’s websites with information concerning the Park, entry rules, resident stickers, etc.; also, distribution of Park rules with the next year’s resident stickers.
6. Commissioners to keep a watch for Canada goose droppings, and also pet droppings, which may be posing a health hazard.

Discussion of Date, Time, and Location of the January Meeting (January 17th, or as determined, 7 PM, at the Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St., Branford, CT).

Adjournment