

AGENDA FOR **SPECIAL** MEETING of the PARKER MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION  
Town of Branford, CT, Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM, at the  
Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St., Branford, CT

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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 (weddings, etc., including on **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – on Park property), requests for special access to the Park and the possibility of charging fees for parking access, memorial/commemorative donation of items (**benches**, plantings, etc.), **the trial of food-vendor operations in the Park and how to proceed in 2023, including publicizing the availability of food trucks**, and review of the updated 'punch list' sent to Director Palluzzi.

Old Business – per the November minutes

1. Actions for advertisement of and enforcement of prohibited activities: **Sturdy “No dogs” sign needed for Big Rock (see Item 2.e. below); “sign down by the FitzGeralds” (A. Redman agenda item).**
2. Reports of meetings/communications with other Departments (Police, Recreation, Public Works, Fire, etc.), and any notes on the following:
  - a. Road/margin condition, width at flagpole area; (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 over the Winter; bathrooms (interior and exterior lights, etc.); checks of swings’ fittings for soundness; bocce court (condition, and checks for any privately owned items); repainting of the “No Parking” lines on the Town Dock (this area is outside the Commission’s area of responsibility but this matter is important to the Park’s work crew, for access to trash cans; **fence maintenance; seasonal Park cleanup (including of leaves on the deck of the bathhouse and in other parts of the Park); repair of the men’s room screen door**, elimination of erosion on the north sledding hill, etc.
  - 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’; removal of “No Dogs”/“No Smoking” sign at Big 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** (complete: “No bikes off paved surfaces” near west edge of Park near the cottages).

- h. Other Departments'/organizations' events in the Park, including Harbor Lights luminaries review, possible evening powerboat parade and the next Branford River Parade (Branford Land Trust, for non-powered craft).
- 3. 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.
- 4. Commissioners to keep a watch for Canada goose droppings, and also pet droppings, which may be posing a health hazard.
- 5. Discussion of charging Park-access fees to persons not having parking permits.

New Business: **None, as this is a Special Meeting**

Discussion of Date, Time, and Location of the February Meeting (February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, conditions permitting: the same venue, 46 Church St., Branford, CT); adjournment