

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING of the PARKER MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION
Town of Branford, CT, Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 – 7:00 PM
At the Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St.

Call to order; roll call; call for add'l agenda items; review of previous minutes; public comment; budget report
Correspondence and communications, including review of function dates (weddings, parties, etc.), requests for special access to the Park and the possibility of charging fees for parking access, boat parade (postponed until 2022); and memorial/commemorative donation of items (benches, plantings, etc.).

Old Business – per the July minutes

1. Actions for advertisement of and enforcement of prohibited activities: smoking, *idling of vehicles*, dogs.
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; signs for speed bumps; cracking at cottages' roadway; the possibility of delineating parking spaces in the main parking lot with lime or another marking material and of installing a gate at the main entrance; a concrete block is needed to keep open the north entry.
 - b. Tree condition and trimming, including 'volcano'-type mulching which will damage bark and kill the tree; schedule a walkthrough. Include a discussion of the waste material piled up at the dirt turnout west of the bathroom building.
 - c. Equipment/facilities: Flagpole condition, including paint, halyard, and possible illumination; the operability of the drains in the bathrooms, water fountains, and showers; bathhouse railings' rust; concrete-block placement by pedestrian entrance near bocce court; grills and picnic tables; bathrooms (toilet replacement, 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 – on hold for the ongoing Dock repairs); fence maintenance; seasonal Park cleanup.
 - d. Seawalls/walls, including any construction debris left on Park property; park condition – erosion on north sledding hill, sinkholes, etc.
 - e. Reports of any vandalism/mischief or other ordinance infractions, including any dumping.
 - f. Lights' operability – main gate, Dock, by the Fitzgerald house, and by the bathhouse
 - g. Park hours and signage regarding the Park hours.
 - h. Other Departments'/organizations' events in the Park, including the next Branford River Parade, which was scheduled for September 12, 2020 but which was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.
 - i. Recognition ceremony planning.
3. Review of memorial/commemorative donation of items (benches, plantings, etc.) on order or recently installed.
4. Updating/reposting of Town and Recreation Department's websites with information concerning the Park, entry rules, resident stickers, etc.
5. Commissioners to keep a watch for Canada goose droppings, and also pet droppings, which may be posing a health hazard.

New Business: A parkgoer requested of Commissioner Radulski that a "No Idling" sign be posted at Big Rock.
Discussion of Date, Time, and Location of September Meeting (September 15th, 7 PM, Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St., Branford, CT)

Adjournment