

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING of the PARKER MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION
Town of Branford, CT, Wednesday, November 17th, 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, etc.), requests for special access to the Park and the possibility of charging fees for parking access, memorial/commemorative donation of items (benches, plantings, etc.), and review of the 'punch list' sent to Director Palluzzi.

Old Business – per the October 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; 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 (used by pedestrians).
 - 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 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 – on hold for the Dock repairs); fence maintenance; seasonal Park cleanup; repair of the men's room screen door.
 - d. Seawalls/walls/jetty; park condition – erosion on north sledding hill, sinkholes, etc.
 - e. Reports of any vandalism/mischief or other ordinance infractions, including any dumping; discussion of the graffiti at the west shore of the Park, by '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 and of a "No bikes off paved surfaces" near west edge of Park near the cottages.
 - h. Other Departments'/organizations' events in the Park, including the next Branford River Parade (2022).
3. Updating/reposting of Town and Recreation Department's websites with information concerning the Park, entry rules, resident stickers, etc.
4. Commissioners to keep a watch for Canada goose droppings, and also pet droppings, which may be posing a health hazard.

5. Discussion of removal of weeds, poison ivy, and invasive plants throughout the Park.
6. Discussion of the Big Rock beach items listed on the 'punch list' (grey PVC pipe; phragmites).
7. Discussion of prohibition of amplified music for private (v. Town) events unless permission is granted.
8. Discussion of bathhouse repurposing for covered seating, and/or a snack bar, while retaining storage uses.

New Business: As introduced

Discussion of Date, Time, and Location of December Meeting (December 15th, 7 PM, Joe Trapasso Community House Honoring Branford World War II Veterans, 46 Church St., Branford, CT)

Adjournment