

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING of the PARKER MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION**

**Town of Branford, CT**

**for Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

**Branford Fire Headquarters, Second Floor, 45 North Main Street, Branford**

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Call to order

Review of August minutes (there was no September meeting)

Public comment

Budget report

Correspondence and Communications, including Review of Function Dates (Weddings and Parties);

Old Business – per the previous minutes

1. Reports of meetings with other Departments (Police, Recreation, etc.); any notes on the following:
  - a. Guards – activities, radios, bullhorn, and instructions
  - b. Fence and crosswalk placement – specifically when the permanent fence will be installed
  - c. Grills
  - d. Speed bumps
  - e. Tents/awnings/umbrellas on the beach
  - f. Memorial benches
  - g. Road surfaces/maintenance
  - h. Other Departments'/organizations' events in the Park
2. Actions for Advertisement of and Enforcement of Smoking Ban
3. Reports of any vandalism/mischief
4. News on the 2017 Branford River Parade, conducted by the Branford Land Trust and other local conservation/education groups – September 16, with rain date of September 17
5. Review of action items from members of the public at the July and August meetings (notes on those comments were sent with the minutes of the July meeting)

New Business: TBD

Review of Scheduled Date, Time, and Location of November Meeting; Adjournment

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**Public Comments to the Parker Memorial Park Commission ('PMPC'), Town of Branford, Connecticut,  
July and August 2017, Parker Memorial Park, Branford. Revision 0, September 11, 2017**

Item	Public Input	PMPC's determination of Recommended Action(s) and Department Cognizance
1	The mural on the bathhouse should be painted over.	PMPC to evaluate.
2	There's often garbage along Harbor Street in the morning.	PMPC work crew, Department of Public Works ('DPW')
3	There's often garbage and dog waste in the Dock area and the Harborview 350 <sup>th</sup> area.	PMPC, DPW, Recreation Department
4	There are often cars parked illegally along the east side of Harbor Street near the Dock. It was suggested that the signs include "Towing Enforced" or similar wording to warn those persons parking illegally that towing is possible.	Branford Police Department ('BPD')
5	"No Parking" signs are needed on the west side of Harbor Street near the main beach.	BPD
6A	Beachgoers are smoking on the beach. It was suggested that the Commission refer that to the BPD, suggesting that the gate guards enforce the rules against smoking in the Park (on the beach and elsewhere), with recourse to BPD action if needed. It was also suggested that additional "No Smoking" signs be installed at the south end of the main beach, on the backs of the lifeguard chairs, and on the bathhouse.	BPD; the PMPC recommends that the gate guards enforce the rule against smoking in the Park (on the beach and elsewhere).  PMPC to install additional "No Smoking" signs
6B	Beachgoers are erecting tents on the beach. It was suggested that the Commission refer that to the BPD, suggesting that the gate guards enforce the rules against tents being erected on the beach, with recourse to BPD action if needed.	BPD; the PMPC will set definitions/limits on tents (versus umbrellas and sun shades) and request of the BPD that the gate guards enforce the rule against erecting tents.
7	Cars speed on Harbor Street.	BPD
8	The Park grounds look good.	PMPC has informed the Park work crew
9	Cars at the Dock seem to park for longer than the posted two-hour limit. It was suggested that a Town Community Service Officer ('CSO') could be used to enforce the parking limit.	BPD
10	The Dock's stone benches often have fish guts, discarded bait chunks, fishing line, fish hooks, etc., on them. It was suggested that additional bait tables be erected, that signage be posted to encourage fisherman to use the bait tables, and that the PMPC work crew and DPW clean the stone benches.	PMPC, DPW for cleaning; Rec Dept. for signage and bait tables.
11	Dogs are being walked in the Park. Discussion note: The Commission is to check regularly that the "No Dogs" signs are in place.	BPD. The Commission will request of the BPD that the gate guards enforce the rules against

		dogs being in the Park.
12	There is often nighttime activity/trespassing in the Park. Discussion. It was suggested that this activity might also be curbed by steady enforcement of closing hours early in the Park's summer season, and that a keypad gate could be installed.	BPD, for increased patrolling and ticketing of cars present in the Park after closing hours. PMPC/Rec. Dept. to research gates.
13	A new shower head is needed in the shower.	PMPC - complete
14	The main parking area has a poor appearance and irregular surface; it might benefit from removing the asphalt and delineating the gravel/grass areas, eventually with installing pervious paving materials.	Town Engineer & DPW
15	The walking path from the main parking area to the beach would benefit from having gravel or Stony Creek crushed stone (small in size, to allow wheelchair passage) laid down. It was also suggested that pavers could be laid down.	DPW & Rec Dept.; Town Engineer.
16	The Park's benches would look better if painted the same color as the benches and lampposts on the Town Green – "Branford Green" was mentioned.	PMPC; in progress
17	The lifeguards should have bullhorns.	Rec. Dept.
18	The bathhouse appears to be seldom used and a haven for wild animals – it was suggested that a new configuration/new uses should be developed, perhaps a snack stand.	Town Engineer

Respectfully,

Matt Radulski, Chairman