

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 6:00PM
Flaherty Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: BJ Popielasz, Jamie Burns, Tim Sadick, Pat Dempsey and Jamie Yakushewich
Others Present: Frank Gabianelli, Mary McNelis, John Fracker

ITEM #1: Meeting called to order by the Chariman

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Approve minutes of the previous meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Motion: Pat Dempsey **Second:** Tim Sadick

Vote: 5- Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM #4: Old Business

John Fracker, Parks & Recreation Manager, and Mary McNelis, Director of Community Services, provided an update on establishing a fee schedule for rental of the turf field. John contacted Newtown, Southbury, and Shelton to compare their turf field rental fees and policies and plans to obtain additional information from Ansonia and Derby.

John and Mary discussed current requests for use of the turf field, the existing rental process, and potential changes to the fee structure. The Commission also discussed field availability and rental priorities among various groups.

The Commission agreed to further review the information and establish a fee at the next meeting. Members also agreed that revenue generated from turf field rentals should be placed in a dedicated account and used toward maintenance and expenses associated with the field.

ITEM #5: Public Comment

None.

ITEM #6: Public Works Director Report

Frank Gabianelli, Public Works Director, provided an update on recent field and park maintenance. Public Works spent 56 hours fertilizing and repairing irrigation systems, 72 hours on spring renovations, 248 hours lining, dragging, and painting fields, 87 hours mowing and trimming, and 48 hours on spring cleanup. An additional 48 hours were spent mowing town parks. Drainage work was also completed at the High School.

The Commission reviewed the schedule provided by Sprint Turf. Mobilization is scheduled to begin June 22, with substantial completion anticipated during the week of July 19.

ITEM #7: Parks and Rec. Director Report

John and Mary provided an update on summer camp enrollment and operations. Approximately 300 children are registered for the summer camp programs, with lower enrollment in the Pre-K Camp. No additional staff needed to be hired for the Recreation Camp.

Summer camp will begin at the same time as the turf field project. Camp operations have been adjusted to accommodate the work being completed on the field. Camp will run through July 31.

ITEM #8: Parks Commission Chairman Report

No additional items were discussed, as all matters had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

ITEM #9: Other Business

The Commission agreed to cancel its regularly scheduled meetings for June, July, and August.

ITEM #10: Public Comment

None.

ITEM #11: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lianna McMurray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lianna" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McMurray".

Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary