

Wallingford Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 5:30 PM  
6 Fairfield Blvd. Wallingford  
Room 4 Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

- **Call Meeting to Order** - John Sullivan Called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Chairman John Sullivan, Vice Chairman Don Crouch, , Lori Cooke-Marra (via telephone), Lars Edeen, Steve Rossacci

**Recreation Staff in Attendance:** Kenny Michaels, Director of Parks & Recreation and Shawn Keogh, Recreation Superintendent

**Others in Attendance:** Sally Tremaine, Mara Newell, Denise Cannata, Chuck Maynard

- **Approval of prior meeting(s) minutes** - A motion was made by Don Crouch and seconded by Lars Edeen to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2024. Approved unanimously.
- **Discussion on Harrison Park Pickleball Courts specific to cracking of pavement** –  
Sally Tremaine, 15 Mae Lane, Wallingford spoke on the conditions of the pickleball courts. Cracks are forming and the winter is making them worse. She is worried people may be able to trip and fall on the cracks. She is not requesting a total re-do of the courts, but requesting something be done.  
  
Chuck Maynard, 22 Mellor Rd, Wallingford presented pictures (attached) of the courts to the commission (attached). Pictures were taken in recent weeks prior to the snow. Chuck made a few recommendations on how to address the cracks.  
  
Kenny Michaels estimated the crack repair on the courts only to last 5-7 years because they are asphalt. He is hoping to get another 1-2 years of use before replacing with a post-tension concrete court. In the meantime, he will look at options and get the cracks filled as soon as the weather warms up after winter, likely some time in April. The color may not be a match but at least the cracks will be fixed.  
  
Chairman Sullivan thanked Sally and Chuck for coming and stated the commission shares their concerns. He wants the courts to be safe and playable and reiterated that Kenny will have the cracks filled once the weather is conducive.
- **Updates on Community Pool** – Kenny Michaels has a meeting scheduled next week with the Purchasing Department, Mayor, and TLBA to set the timeline for the pool bid.
- **Parks & Recreation Updates – Kenny Michaels, Director** – Kenny reviewed the February Director's Report. (attached)
- **Next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- **Motion to adjourn made by:** Lars Edeen **Seconded by:** Steve Rossacci **Vote:** Unanimous
- **Adjourned @ 6:25 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Shawn Keogh*

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Recreation Superintendent  
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## Recreation Commission Director's Report December 11, 2024

### Programs/Events:

- Currently in full swing with winter programs and league play.
- Spring 2025 Brochure came out end of January with registration currently on going.
- We are now on social media with pages for Parks and Recreation information on Facebook and Instagram
- Important Summer Registration Dates Upcoming:
  - Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiny Bubbles/Pop Shots
  - Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> Summer Sizzlers
  - Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> Summer Playgrounds

### Projects/Facilities:

- This fall we will obtain quotes on the shoreline land clearing at Community Lake. This project is done (2) times a year. In the late fall and Spring. **PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER.**
- Parker Farms LL Project Update Project underway, field 1 has been regraded, sod has been installed. Mound is completed. Still working on field 1 to complete the fence work. Field 2 and 3 are in progress and with winter coming, work estimated to continue and completed in early spring. **PROJECT WILL RESUME IN EARLY SPRING TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE START OF THE SEASON.**
- Town Council approved on November 12, 2024 an appropriation of \$11,300 of ARPA Funding to install a sidewalk/walkway and (2) benches along the new basketball court at Doolittle Park on Wall St. side. **UPDATE: BENCHES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, AWAITING ON WEATHER CHANGE Work to be done early spring.**
- Pragemann Park Basketball Court project went out to bid and has been awarded to Hinding Sport Courts \$160,625. **Project start date EARLY SPRING.**
- Working with Eagle Scout Noah Cutler and Bob Beaumont with Noah's Eagle Scout Project on re-plaquin the monumental trees at upper Harrison. **PROJECT COMPLETED ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**
- Gym Floor at 6 Fairfield Blvd will be repainted at the conclusion of the winter seasons. Aiming for work to be completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March which will result in the gym being closed for one week.
- Community Lake Sports Court Bid to be sent out by Purchasing in the next few days. No Bid opening date set as of yet. This project will replace the (2) aging tennis courts with (2) new post tension concrete tennis courts and fencing, along with replacement of (1) basketball court into a post tension concrete basketball court.
- Spring/Summer Field Users Meeting for all sports groups is Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Working with fencing contractor to get pricing on Fence/Backstop repairs for Pire Park and dugout expansion for Pire Park.

### Upcoming –

- Discuss Potential Landscape Design Project for Dutton
- Pragemann Park Dugout Expansion
- Pragemann Park Pavilion Conversion into storage garage for Lacrosse and Football

**Harrison Park  
Pickleball Courts  
Conditions  
February 2025**

























