

Wallingford Parks & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 5:30pm
6 Fairfield Blvd, Wallingford
Conference Room 4

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners in Attendance: Don Crouch, Steve Rossacci, Dave Anderson, and Lars Edeen

Commissioners Absent: Lori Cooke Marra

Recreation Staff in Attendance: Director - Kenny Michaels

3. Public Comments (10 minutes total time) - None

4. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2026

A motion was made by Dave Anderson and seconded by Steve Rossacci to approve the minutes of September 2, 2026. Unanimously Approved.

5. Reports

a. Director - Kenny Michaels reviewed his Directors Report. *(attached)*

b. Project Updates – See Directors Report

i. Community Pool Park – See Directors Report

c. Chairman – Chairman Crouch stated that he will add Discussion on the Non-profit Fees to the next meeting agenda. Commissioner Rossacci mentioned that the Town Council Ordinance Committee is working on an ordinance for non-profit leasing and purchasing of town property. The Commission will monitor the ordinance to see if it pertains to Parks & Recreation. The Commission will review potential areas on how the Commission can assist the Director and the department (possible examples: Fee Waivers, Program Suspension Appeals) and revising the Ordinance on the ability to set rental fees for use of parks, pavilions, and facilities.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Community Pool Program Fees – Commission discussed the fees for residents. They reviewed the proposed fees from the 2019 presentation to Town Council vs the cost to run the Community Pool Park in 2027.

Steve Rossacci made a motion to set the Pool Pass Fees as follows: Adults - \$75 / Children (under 18 yrs old) - \$50 / Seniors (62 yrs old +) - \$50 / Children under 2 yrs old - Free / Daily Resident and Guest Passes - \$10 per day. Seconded by Dave Anderson. Unanimously approved.

Dave Anderson made a motion that Seasonal Pool Passes will be for residents only. Seconded by Lars Edeen. Unanimously approved.

- Commission had a brief discussion on camp use and fees. Discussion to be continued.

b. Discussion and Possible Action: Honoring former Parks & Recreation Director Stanley Shepardson – Mr. Shepardson was the 1st Director of Wallingford Parks & Recreation from March of 1967 – September of 1995. Commission discussed how he was instrumental in many aspects of the Parks & Recreation Department, including the purchase of Pragemann Park.

Lars Edeen made a motion to consider naming Field 1 at Pragemann Park in honor of Stanley Shepardson. Seconded by Dave Anderson. Unanimously approved.

8. Commission Around Town - None

9. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 6:30pm. **Motion to adjourn made by Steve Rossacci, seconded by Lars Edeen. Unanimously approved.**

Next Meeting: December 9, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Hoppes

Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary