



PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Board of Park Commissioners

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, Chair
Robert Fiorito, Vice Chair
Sandra Bogdanski, Commissioner
Cynthia Donovan, Commissioner
Leonard Lamothe, Commissioner
Robert Lawson, Commissioner
Emily Michaud, Commissioner
Marie O'Brien, Board of Finance Liaison

Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Andrew Howe, City Council Liaison

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Fiorito to accept the December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. Resident, Kaleb Korona, advocated on the importance of environmental maintenance specifically in City Park spaces. Korona inquired about Bristol Parks environmental maintenance procedures and provided suggestions in addressing invasive species to protect park environments; discussion followed.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Donovan to move up New Business Item 6a.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Fiorito, all in favor; motion carried.
 - 6a. Evan Chadeayne, proposed an Eagle Scout Project to rehabilitate the stairs and benches at the Page Park Disc Golf Course; discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Fiorito to approve the Eagle Scout Project to rehabilitate the stairs and benches at the Page Park Disc Golf Course.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Bogdanski to accept and place the Superintendent's Report on file.
Seconded by: Vice Chair Fiorito, all in favor; motion carried.

5. Old business

- a. By Commissioners:
 - i. Vice Chair Fiorito inquired about the BAIMS Theater; discussion followed.
 - ii. Commissioner Lamothe provided update on the Veterans Memorial Boulevard cannon and expressed gratitude for enclosing the Hoppers Birge tank.

6. New business

- b. Summer Berube from Kompan presented on best practices, safety, and suggestions for future renovations of Bristol Park system playgrounds; discussion followed.
- c. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners and expectation setting for 2023; discussion followed.
- d. By Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Lamothe expressed concern about the gas line near the former DiGiovanni's Restaurant.
 - ii. Superintendent Medeiros relayed request on behalf of Board of Education for Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services to maintain the BAIMS field and rental calendar with MOU to come; discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Fiorito to approve the Board of Education's request for Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services to maintain the BAIMS field and rental calendar with MOU to come.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.

7. Committee reports

- a. Fund Development Committee: Chair Donovan provided updates on the 2nd Annual Dinner on the Diamond logistics, sponsorship packages, and ticket pricing.
- b. Policy Committee: Chair Fiorito provided update on the Cricket Field Proposal from Phani Gorty as well as prioritizing department holiday events at the next meeting.
- c. Finance Committee: None.
- d. City Council Liaison updates: None.

8. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Fiorito to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners