

Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission
Thursday May 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Hartford Town Hall
Meetings Minutes

Commission Members in Attendance: Brett Mayfield, Tom McCleary, Michael Vanasse, Allison Childs

Others in Attendance: Scott Hausler P&R Director, Joe Major Select Board Liaison, Dennis Brown Select Board Member.

Commission Members not in Attendance: David Crocco

Meeting called to order: 5:30 pm by Michael Vanasse

The March meeting minutes were moved and approved.

Citizen Comments: None

Commission Member Comments: None

Directors Reports for April 26 and May 14, 2021:

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Park Tour (Maxfield, Clifford, Quechee Falls, Quechee Green, Dewey Landing, Pool.

Agenda Items for Next Rec. Commission Meeting.

Motion made to adjourn and all accepted
Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brett Mayfield, Commission Secretary

Next meeting June 10th, 2021

Signed By: _____ Dated: _____

**Parks & Recreation Department
Significant Activity Report
April 26, 2021**

Respectfully Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director

Program and Park Highlights

- Spring sports are in full swing with 182 participants to date. T-Ball – 4 Teams, Rookies Baseball – 3 Teams, Minors Baseball – 3 Teams, Majors Baseball – 2 teams, Softball – 25 Players, Little Sticks Lacrosse – 24 Players, Start Smart Baseball – 18 players
- Other programs continue: Youth Karate Started on 4/19 with 10 Participants, Monday Maxfield Walk was successful with 10 walkers on 4/19 and 7 signed up on 4/26, Wednesday's Hike 4/19 was at Hurricane with 5 Hikers, Comics Class starts on Friday, 4/23 – 12 participants, Tuesday – Afterschool in the Park Program – 12 Participants, Thursday – Lego Club – 12 Participants
- The Department is conducting interviews for positions with our Summer Camp Ventures. We are still seeking to fill 2 positions with our summer park maintenance.
- The Dasher Board Doctor completed the cleaning of the dasher boards at WABA. Annually, following each season the boards are cleaned using specialized equipment and service.
- Park mowing has started already. Our fertilization and turf treatment of sport playing fields is schedule the first week of May.
- Hartford High School has started using the baseball and softball fields at Maxfield. We continue to rehabilitate the fields with new infield mix and warning track mix. This will continue through the spring and into the summer.
- The Maxfield domestic water system has been tested and all pavilions are operational; Pavilion A is open to the public 24/7, Pavilions B & C are by permitted use only.
- New "Carry in, carry out" signs were delivered and will be posted in the parks system to remind patrons that all produced trash and waste is to be removed from the parks following usage.
- Department is removing old parking barricades at Watson. The barricades have become rotten and are dangerous. We do not believe it is necessary to replace them.
- Kevin Hoisington officially started with the department fulltime on Thursday, April 22nd.
- The pool project continues to move forward. The Department met with representatives of the School District to discuss the entry control building, fencing and how that relates to a future development of Alumni Park which will be located next to the south west corner of the pool facility.
- Staff conducted the first Pool Review Group which was formed to assist the Department with the pool project.

**Parks & Recreation Department
Significant Activity Report
May 14, 2021**

Respectfully Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director

Program and Park Highlights

- Parks & Recreation Community Survey is out. We have collected over 100 so far. Further distribution will take place over the next couple weeks.
- Monday “Step It Up Hartford” had 9 walkers for the Maxfield Walk on May 10th.
- Beginner Mountain Biking for Women on Tuesday’s with 10 registered. The program is held at the Hurricane Hill Trails.
- On-going Youth Sport Programs. Youth Baseball and Softball, Youth Lacrosse through the Hartford Lacrosse Club – All teams are practicing and playing games.
- Our Afterschool in the Parks, Lego Club, Comics Class, Pickleball, Esports, Youth Karate programs continue.
- Park permits this week equate to over 111 hours of usage. Lyman Point tops out with 26 hours of use. Plenty of activity at Maxfield with games and practices.
- The Rain Garden Volunteer Project with Apple Corp continues behind the bandstand here at Lyman Park.
- The Outdoor Pool Project started up on May 10th. The project team met on Zoom prior to start up to review safety precautions, concerns over the parking lot traffic and overall impact the construction might have on the school’s activities.
- Interviews for Camp Staff are complete and offer letters have been given to staff for summer positions with Camp Ventures.
- Henderson's Tree Service started working at the Center of Town Cemetery removing several hazard trees and trimming several others to open up the canopy in and around the cemetery after years of overgrowth and neglect.