

**Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Thursday November 18, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Hartford Town Hall**  
**Meetings Minutes**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Brett Mayfield, David Crocco Michael Vanasse and Tom McCleary

**Others in Attendance:** Scott Hausler P&R Director

**Commission Members not in Attendance:** Allison Childs

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

The September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were moved and approved.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Commission Member Comments:** Tom asked for comment on men's open basketball.

**Directors Reports for September 6, 2021:** Full Directors Reports attached.

**Highlights:**

The Trunk or Treat held on October 30 was a great success even though it was moved because of rain to the High School.

The collaboration of the Parks & Recreation Department for Halloweenie Movie Night went well.

WABA is open and is going well.

**Old Business:**

P&R Director updated Commission on covid procedures at WABA.

Community Center: Discussion on possible buildings that could be used as a community center in the future.

Community Survey: Discussion on survey and Commission agreed to review survey on Community Center at the next meeting.

Pool Project: Continues to move forward but because of a delay in getting tanks and putting in pool lining there might be a delay in the finish time for the Spring.

**Agenda Items for Next Rec. Commission Meeting.**

Community Survey discussion on Community Center

Community Center

Pool Update

Motion made to adjourn and all excepted:

Adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brett Mayfield, Commission Secretary

Next meeting December 9th.

Signed By: Brett Mayfield Dated: 12/9/2021

**Parks & Recreation Department  
Significant Activity Report  
September 6, 2021**

**Respectfully Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director**

**Program and Park Highlights**

- Department worked over the Labor Day Holiday parking cars for the Balloon Festival. Cars paid a suggested donation of \$3 per-car. We have not finalized the dollar amount but believe we raised close to \$10,000 for the Brian Hanson Scholarship Fund. This fund is used for recreation programs, camps and passes to facilities. Applications for the scholarship are available on line at [www.hartfordrec.com](http://www.hartfordrec.com).
  - We are busy completing the Wendell A. Barwood Arena Schedule for the upcoming season. We plan to open the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> with the first weekend of operation being October 17<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is considerably full with user groups, programs and public skating. We are hopeful for a safe and successful season. Staff will begin working on the arena set up in the next couple weeks.
  - Maxfield continues to be a busy facility with high school and youth sports.
  - Park crews continue to work hard catching up with on mowing. This season has us behind in park projects due to the ideal turf growing season keeping us mowing and limited staffing to work on projects.
  - Programs the past two weeks consisted of Maxfield Monday Walks, NFL Flag Football, Youth Cheerleading, Ultimate Frisbee and Youth Soccer.
  - Moana was our Movie in the Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The movie was sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Hartford Community Coalition and the West Hartford Library.
  - Park permits consisted of Hartford High School Soccer, Open Door, Hartford High School Softball, Mahoney Tai Chi, Cantores, Tails and Tales Story Hour, Bower Tai Chi Classes, and HCRS.
  - Pickleball continues to be a very popular program and sport at Maxfield Courts. The Department is looking into converting two tennis courts into 4 pickleball Courts.
  - The pool project continues to move forward with the pool shell complete and work continues on the below surface piping along with filtration room piping. Backfilling around the pool continues.
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