

HARTFORD PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

Date | time 8/14/25/5:08 pm | *Meeting called to order by* David Crocco Jr.

Commission Members In Attendance

David M. Crocco (presiding), Joe Denny, Erin Wetherell, Brett Mayfield, Tom McCleary

Commission Members Absent

Nikki Boyle, Allison Childs

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brett Mayfield . Seconded by: Tom McCleary_____

In Favor All Opposed None

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? Approved

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

See Directors Report(s) – Scott handed out 3 reports, July 3, July 17 and August 13. From the August report Scott mentioned the demolition of the Emerge Building is complete. Scott said site maybe used in the future for constructing a storage building.

Scott reported that the summer Ventures program was going well and the Sherman Manning pool attendance and use going well, too. A movie night at the pool had 100+ attendees.

Scott spoke of the contiueing issue of peoples bad behavior in Lyman Point Park, smoking, drinking, drug usage. Scott said a more forceful approach to enforce rules against such behavior is imminent.

Brett Mayfield asked about the historic marker being placed at the head of the drive into Kilowatt Park, south. Scott said a placard is being sited at this location for the purpose of explaining the history of the Kilowatt Park area. The idea for the placard came from members of the Town of Hartford Historical Society. In addition, around the placard area a bricked in patio will be installed with two benches for enjoyment by the public. Great Hydro, owners of the Wilder Dam, will be paying for this project. The work for completing this

installation will be incorporated by a Boy Scout in an Eagle badge project. Joe Denny said he is willing to help out.

There were no Committee Liaison Reports

Old Business

Lyman Park Project – no updates. Scott mentioned that architect available to show blue prints. Architectural firm bought out, but Paul, original architect, is still on the job. Will soon have draft concepts to review.

Dave Crocco's list of names of people/businesses that might support and/or promote the building of a Community Center was distributed to Commission members. Joe Denny provided several names to add to the list as did other members of the Commission.

Scott spoke of how a person from outside the Parks and Recreation Department should be chosen to present ideas for a community center to the "list of names" and to facilitate any discussion, thereof. All members were asked to each come up with 4 more names to add to the list. It was mentioned that as an agenda item, for the next meeting, the list could be whittled down and added to.

Brett Mayfield question– Does this person have to be someone everyone in town knows? Scott said no. It can be anyone that is good at presenting ideas and leading discussions.

New Business

Scott presented Commission members copies of Recreation Departments Proposed Programs for Fall/Winter 2025-2026 (see Programs)

Motion Made by Brett Mayfield for Commission to approve Fall/Winter programs. Joe Denny 2nd, all approved.

Brett Mayfield commented that it was good that the Parks and Recreation Committee members attended a Night Hawks baseball game together. Also, a favorable comment was made about Committee members turnout to volunteer for the Parks and Recreation sponsored Hurricane Hill 5K run.

Scott spoke about the video that was made about the Town of Hartford's Parks and Programs as a part of the accreditation process recently completed.

Next Meeting

9/11/25, 5 pm. Meet at Municipal building for a tour of town parks

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Dave Crocco Jr. 6:05 pm

Seconded by: _Brett Mayfield_____

All in Favor: _____All_____

Opposed: ___None_____

Respectfully submitted by: _Thomas McCleary_____

Date: 8/14/25_____

Hartford Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Chair: David M. Crocco Jr. (4/1/2027)

Vice Chair: Allison Childs (04/04/2025)

Clerk: Tom McCleary (03/08/2027)

Member: Brett Mayfield (05/16/2025)

Member: Nikki Boyle (04/04/2025)

Member: Joeseeph Denny (03/11/2027)

Member: Erin Wetherell (01/23/2027)

Selectboard Liaison: Ashley Andreas