

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Litchfield Park & Recreation Commission

Park & Recreation Office

80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT 06750

September 2, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 6:02 PM by Gianni Perugini

Attendance:

Present: Gianni Perugini, Ray Schmid, Bill Deacon, Martha Bernstein, Jon Tarrant, Matt Andrulis-Mette.

Absent: Brett Seamans, Helen Bunnell

Public: Jeoff Langill, Chris Blazek – Tri-Town Baseball

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Motion by Jon, seconded Bill. Motion passed

Public Comment: Jeoff Langill, Chris Blazek representing Tri-Town Baseball to ask about baseball field improvements at Community Field. It was suggested that their questions could be answered by the Community Field Subcommittee's report later in the agenda.

Commission Requests: Motion made by Jon to move Tri-Town Baseball ahead of Community Field Subcommittee Report on the agenda. Seconded by Matt. Motion passed.

Tri-Town Baseball: Since all dugouts have been removed at both Ripley and Porter Fields, there is concern about the safety of the players during Fall Ball which has started and runs thru late October. They need a confinement area for the kids with protection against foul balls. The Lions Pavillion is an option on the upper field. Temporary measures will need to be taken on the lower field. Use of other fields either is not available or has not been investigated.

Design work and bid specs will be developed soon on new dugouts, which could cost up to \$60,000 for 4 dugouts. This will be included in a Seherr-Thoss Foundation grant application and/or Capital Improvement request along with drainage and regrading work at both fields. Tri-Town scheduled play is expected to be affected for at least 1 year.

Playscape: Work on improvements was scheduled to begin today (9/2).

Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts: The new concrete surface has been poured over the existing base as the contractor felt it would provide a better base. Test borings were taken for confirmation. The concrete surface needs to cure for 28 days then necessary coating, lines and painting will be added.

Director's Report: No report.

Budget:

- Operating — No questions.
- Fund 22 – A discussion of the After-School Enrichment Program and Program requests totaling \$7,240 was held. Details attached. Motion by Ray, seconded by Matt to use \$7,240 of Fund 22 balance to fund the Program. All in favor and the motion passed.

Infrastructure Updates:

Town Beach: Power poles have been installed and trenching for power line will begin on 9/15.

Community Field: Tennis/Pickle Ball courts – will be painted and lined and fencing installed to complete the project.

Lions Pavillion needs work: fascia boards, gutters, new roof, paint job, etc. Plan is to include this work in a Capital request in November.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: 7:22 PM