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# Litchfield Park & Recreation Commission

**Regular Meeting Minutes**
Park & Recreation Office
80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT 06750
October 5, 2026
6:00 PM

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM** by Gianni Perugini.

## 2. Attendance

**Present:**
Ray, Jon, Bill, Dave, Martha

**Absent:**
Matt

**Attending as a potential Alternate member**: Chris Shortsleeve

## 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the **September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting** were reviewed.
A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Ray motioned, Bill seconded). No discussion. Motion failed as only 3 members could vote. (Gianni, Martha, David abstained)

## 4. Public Comment

Michael Lorusso, 215 Old South Rd.; Litchfield.

Concerned about general maintenance at Town Beach. Issues with goose droppings, litter and debris due to a lack of garbage containers. He was thanked for his input and asked to spread the word and vote accordingly at budget time.

## 5. Commission Requests: None

## 6. Director's Report - Verbal

The skating rink will be positioned under the Lions Pavilion this upcoming season. It's hoped this will solve snow removal issues as well as other potential problems.

Halloween programs for youths are planned.

Planned programs:

Programs for Middle school students coordinated with PHMS staff.
Pickleball programs begin on 11/1
Indoor soccer, baseball and volleyball planned
Christmas Parade – 12/6 centered around the new LVA headquarters with more events offered than 2025. Should cause less traffic disruption in Town.
Senior Christmas luncheon planned for 12/4. Details to follow.

## 7. Budget

**Operating – FY 26/27**

No discussion

**Fund 22**

Balance as of 10/5/2026 = $84,599.36

## 8. Infrastructure Updates: From Brett Seamans

Little League field drainage work complete
Little League field grading, clay and sod to be finished by 10/23
New dugout bid posted and due 10/26
Pickleball noise panels hung on court fence

## 9. Old Business:

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

Capital Improvement Program: Discussion on the idea to take a year off from infrastructure improvement requests to consolidate and complete existing projects.

Awaiting bid information on a new Social Services bus that could be shared with P & R. Will submit that request if time permits.

Motion: Motion made by Ray Schmid, seconded by Bill Deacon, take 1 year off from Capital Improvement request submittal with emphasis on funding for a new bus to be shared by Social Services and Park & Rec. All voted aye and motion passed.

LHRC – Plan for shared portalet expense at Town Beach. Michael Lyn is negotiating with LRTC.

## 11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray and seconded by Jon.

The meeting adjourned at **6:55 PM**.