



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting January 12, 2026

Present:

Fran Frattini – Chairman
Stephen Frattini
Kris Fazzone
T.J. Fazzone
Bill Teman
Patrick Dillert
John Wrenn – Director
Don Lowe – First Selectman

Absent:

Stan Greenbaum

Guests: None

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:37pm.

Mrs. Frattini welcomed Patrick Dillert to the Commission and asked him to say a few words. Mrs. Frattini added that she is delighted to have Mr. Dillert on board.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:

There were no applications for use of the pavilion.

Minutes from December 8, 2025 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting as written was made by Stephen Frattini, seconded by Kris. Fazzone and was voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation/Updates:

There were no new Eagle Scout projects to consider. Fran Frattini noted that she had heard from Ellie Garcia and she would like to do the Kiosk/Sign at Munch Meadow for her Eagle Scout Project, she has been advised that the next step is for her to come to a Park and Rec Commission Meeting for approval.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Program Coordinator Report:

In the absence of the Program Coordinator, Mr. Wrenn reported:

Current programs:

1. Mindful Movements, 2 of the 3 classes ran with 8 participants
2. MTWMC: "Hickory Dickory Dock" program one session full and second nearly so
3. One Day Junior Chef Cooking Camps did not run due to low enrollment and weather issues
4. Holiday Lights had ten houses sign up and the winners were 1st- 14 Leach Hollow, Road 2nd – 17 Farm Road and 3rd – 9 Cloverleaf Farm. Congratulations to all.
- 5.. Thunder Ridge Skiing – only 2 signed up thus far

Upcoming programs:

1. Pilates will begin in February.
2. Tai-Chi scheduled for January 19 and February 5
3. Sherman Free Skate at South Kent School – when dates are set will be a six-week program for \$120/per person

Director's Report:

John Wrenn reported the following:

- a. Jhe first shared the checking account information with the Commission.
- b. Mr. Wrenn noted that the Power Washer that Public Works requested should be purchased before June.
- c. ASP is doing well with an average of 4 children per day. Early Bird program has 1 or 2 children per day. Sherman Cares assists with some program fees.
- d. Mr. Wrenn reported that he is still cooperating with Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). on their ADA compliance assessment
- e. Mr. Wrenn reported that the cost to repair the four docks at the Town Park will cost \$8400 this will be discussed at the next BOS meeting on how to fund the repair.

Facilities Reports/Maintenance and Repairs:

- a. There was no update for new boat docks from First Light.

b. The Scout House building renovations were discussed and the small front area has been cleared and is ready for the contractor to begin. Chairs with cart and mats have been received, still waiting for the tables. The bench and old tables inside the building will be removed when the new tables, chairs and mats are brought in. The Scouts were in agreement with this.

Kris Fazzione noted that there is space at Public Works for the Scouts to store their trailer.

Stephen Frattioni advised that the Scouts are asking if there may be somewhere that they can hang their tents after a campout - discussion followed and it was suggested that they could hang tents at Public Works in the Wash Bay after a campout and picked up before the Scout meeting to be folded at the Center School/Scout House.

c. Parking at Colonial was discussed regarding use by the Parishioners of Holy Trinity during Sunday services.

d. Kris Fazzione reported that based on the Grant recently received, Fiber Optics will be installed at the Pavilion at the Town Park which will be good for increased security at the Park,

Old Business/New Business:

1. Last month, Kris Fazzione noted that the pipe covering the top of the fence at Volunteer Field is damaged. Mr. Wrenn advised it should cost less than two thousand dollars. *Dr Frattini made a motion not to exceed two thousand dollars for the purchase of plastic fence topper for the fence at Volunteer Park, seconded by Bill Temann and voted with all in favor.*

2. The proposed 2026/2027 Park and Recreation budget was discussed. John Wrenn reviewed each page of the budget proposal, explaining each of the changes from the current year's budget. Changes were as follows and each increase/decrease was discussed in detail:

- Floats in/out increases \$300.00
- Field Supplies/Maintenance increased to \$9,000 for additional seed and fertilizer
- Pavilion Operating was reduced by \$500.00
- Portable Toilets was reduced by \$600.00
- Director and Program Coordinator salaries were increased 4%
- Part time help was increased to CT Minimum or by \$1.00/hr.

There was a large increase in the Part-time help line as this number included a more realistic number of summer camp counselors based on past camp attendance. This was requested by the BOS acting as the BOF. It was noted that if numbers do not require as many counselors, then the number would be reduced. Also, location will again be at JCC for Junior Camp and the rental fee has been included in the Budget request.

Discussion followed on the Income and Expense items noting that Summer Camp for the six-week program will be \$400 in Town and \$640 Out-of-town. Swim lessons and Kayak rack rental saw no change and Boat docks will be increased to \$1600/ per slip.

T.J. Fazzone moved to accept the proposed 2026/2027 Budget of Two hundred twenty-five thousand five hundred fourteen (\$225,514.00) dollars as reviewed. Seconded by Kris Fazzone and voted with all in favor.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to accept the fee schedule as outlined in the Proposed 2026/2027 Budget, seconded by Kris Fazzone and voted with all in favor. The Proposed 2026/2027 Budget has been accepted as reviewed and will be forwarded to the Business Administrator in a timely manner.

3. Mrs. Frattini reminded the Commission that we will holding our first Workshop to discuss Facilities/Grounds Improvement and Development prior to the February meeting beginning at 6 P.M.

With no further business to come before the Commission, T.J. Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. Bill Teman seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

T.J. Fazzone
Park and Recreation Secretary

Minutes are from notes of Commission Chairman

The next Park and Recreation Commission regular meeting is scheduled on February 9, 2026

***These minutes are not considered official until they have been approved.
at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission***