



## **SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION**

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### **Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting March 9, 2026**

**Present:**

Fran Frattini – Chairman  
Stephen Frattini  
Patrick Dillett  
Kris Fazzino  
T.J. Fazzino

**Absent:**

Bill Teman  
Stan Greenbaum

John Wrenn – Director  
JodiAnn Eure – Program Coordinator

**Guests:** Bill Butts

**Call to order:**

Chairman Fran Frattini called the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:30pm.

**Pavilion and Facilities Applications:**

Bill Butts had requested the use of the Town Park Pavilion on August 23, 2026 for a Veterans event. There was a discussion, including the option to waive the fee for the Veterans.

*Stephen Frattini made a motion to approve the Veterans use of the pavilion on Sunday August 23, 2026 and to waive the fee. Kris Fazzino seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.*

**Minutes from January 12, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting as written was made by Kris Fazzino, seconded by T.J. Fazzino and the motion was voted with all in favor except Stephen Frattini abstained. Minutes were accepted as written.*

**Eagle Scout Project Presentation/Updates:**

There were no new Eagle Scout projects to consider. Stephen Frattini noted that the Scout House renovations had been completed. A Cub Scout leader had approached him with a concern about sharing the space with the Boy Scouts. Dr. Frattini commented that it was assumed that all local Scouting troops would share the provided space and arrange use within their own organization.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Correspondence:**

Fran Frattini and John Wrenn noted no new correspondence.

Discussion on the proposed boat Dock Project at the Town Park that has been submitted to FirstLight was discussed with the Commission in favor that the application proceeds to FERC for approval and then can be brought to the Town for a vote or held until such time as the retaining wall can no longer maintain the docks. If this is not the time due to the other building projects i.e. School and Senior Center then if viable, waiting may be the way to go. It was suggested that we have the Town Engineer take a look at the wall and boardwalk to estimate the life expectancy at this time, the last time we had it evaluated it was estimated with five years and we are almost at that point. The Commission's recommendation to the BOS is to proceed with the application process so that the Town will have all the necessary approvals from FERC and FirstLight when the Town is prepared to proceed,

**Program Coordinator Report:**

JodiAnn Eure reported the following:

*Current programs:*

1. TaiChi and Mindful Movements are actively running with continued interest, having between five and eight participants in each session.

*Upcoming programs:*

1. Ice Skating – waiting on a date confirmation. Stephen Frattini noted that a time slot for Saturdays in March may be open at some point.
2. Language Labs – will begin on March 24, with no registrants yet. Italian lessons for grades 3-5 and 6-8.
3. Pilates – begins March 28 with no registrants yet.
4. Music Time With Miss Cheryl – Spring session began March 16. These sessions always fill.

*Awaiting details:*

1. Cooking classes with Mary Jo – will do summer camps in August and possibly an adult cooking class at some point.
2. Tiny Tots Soccer start date is April 11 for 8-10 weeks. Location to be determined due to condition of fields.

Stephen Frattini commended JodiAnn Eure for a great variety and quality of program offerings. There was a discussion and the consensus of the Commission was that programs have been consistently better and more numerous since Ms. Eure began the roll of Program Coordinator.

Billy Butts left the meeting at 7:50pm.

**Director's Report:**

John Wrenn reported the following:

- a. The checking account information for January and February was shared.

- b. Early Bird program has been averaging 3 or 4 children per day. ASP has been the same. Both programs are doing well.
- c. WESCOG representative will be assessing Park and Recreation facilities to evaluate ADA accessibility issues. Mr. Wrenn and Kris Fazzino will be involved in much of this day. There will be a meeting after inspection to discuss possible findings.
- d. Summer Camp is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 29, 2026 and conclude on Friday, August 7, 2026. May 1<sup>st</sup> was proposed for registration to begin.
- e. Mr. Wrenn noted that he will be ordering a smaller tent for this summer's Senior Camp at the Town Park. The tent will be used only for heavy downpours. The very large tent on site last year saw little or no use.
- f. Junior Camp will again be at the JCC for summer of 2026.
- g. Senior Camp Directors are returning from last year. Junior Camp directorship is to be determined.

**Facilities Reports/Maintenance and Repairs:**

a. The proposed new boat docks were discussed again. John Wrenn suggested that it might be useful to have Tucker join the Town engineer at the Town Park if the engineer does an evaluation of longevity and repair needs of the boardwalk and wall. Mr. Wrenn added that it would likely be Tucker doing any repairs found to be necessary. If extensive repairs are needed then this would have to go out to bid. There was further discussion, including having the engineer look at the wall while the water level is still low and putting effort into finding out the status of FirstLight approval. Application should go to FERC after FirstLight approves it. With the hope that the Town will have all necessary approvals in hand when this project needs to move forward.

b. Scout House renovations are complete. JodiAnn Eure asked when the space could start to be scheduled for Park and Recreation activities. June start date was suggested. Programmable lock for the Scout House was discussed, with all in agreement. Kris Fazzino can purchase and install the lock. No keys will be needed for program supervisors.

*T.J. Fazzino made a motion to approve the purchase by Kris Fazzino of a programmable lock for door to Scout House, not to exceed \$500.00, with Kris Fazzino purchasing lock using the Town's account and Park and Recreation paying the amount back to the Town from the department's checking account, seconded by Stephen Frattini and voted with all in favor.*

c. There was a discussion about a plaque that was on the Scout House before the renovations. The plaque in question had been the one designating the building as being on the National Register of Historic Places. It was noted that replacing that plaque could be discussed at a later date, after the lock is installed and the "Olde Center School" sign is hung. The original bell for the Olde Center School was discussed.

*T.J. Fazzino made a motion to purchase a sign for the Olde Center School, not to exceed \$500.00, seconded by Patrick Dillert and voted with all in favor and T.J. Fazzino opposed. Motion passed and sign will be purchased.*

d. There was a discussion about possible grant for tennis court resurfacing. John Wrenn and Rachel Booth will work on this issue.

e. Kris Fazzino noted that he will keep an eye for any damage that may be revealed after the snow has melted.

**Old Business/New Business:**

- a. John Wrenn reported that the 2026/2027 proposed budget hearing that he attended went well, with nothing cut from the 2026/2027 Park and Recreation budget yet.
- b. There was a discussion about further workshops for long range planning for improvements to Park and Recreation facilities. It was decided that there will be another workshop at 6:00pm prior to the regular monthly Commission meeting on April 13, 2026.

*With no further business to come before the Commission, Stephen Frattini made a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. Kris Fazzino seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

T.J. Fazzino  
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix  
Recording Secretary

The next Park and Recreation Commission regular meeting is scheduled on April 13, 2026

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