



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting April 13, 2026

Present:

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

Absent:

Bill Teman
Stan Greenbaum

John Wrenn – Director
JodiAnn Eure – Program Coordinator

Guests: There were no guests.

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:20pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:

1. Kris Fazzino noted that the new Fairfield track team had requested use of the Town Park pavilion for an all-day event on Sunday, June 7, 2026. There was a discussion. Mr. Wrenn stated that the pavilion was already rented for that day and that the New Fairfield track team could reserve it for the following Sunday, June 14, 2026. There was a discussion about waiving the fee.

T.J. Fazzino made a motion to approve the use of the Town Park pavilion by the New Fairfield Track team for all day on Saturday, June 14, 2026 and to waive the fee. Kris Fazzino seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

2. There was an application for use of the Town Park pavilion and parking lot for the weekend of May 8, 9, 10 for a “DAWG” (disaster and wilderness ground searchers) program associated with the Sherman Fire Department. 20-25 people are expected, a few RV’s in the parking lot for

camping and many participants who live locally and can drive to the park each day. There was a discussion, including waiving the fee for this program.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to approve the application for use of the Town Park for the DAWG's program on Friday through Sunday, May 8, 9, 10, 2026 and to waive the fee. Stephen Frattini seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

3. There was a discussion about the need to approve the use of the Town Park for the annual Easter Sunrise Service that had already taken place on April 5, 2026.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the use of the Town Park for the annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 5, 2026 with T.J. Fazzone seconding and the motion voted with all in favor.

Minutes from March 9, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission as written was made by Stephen Frattini, seconded by Patrick Dillet and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation/Updates:

Fran Frattini had shared an email from Ellie Garcia stating that she no longer wished to work on a kiosk for Munch Meadows for her Eagle Scout project. Instead, Ms. Garcia would like to teach a youth gardening class at the Community Gardens. There was a discussion. It was noted that no action needed to be taken unless she wished to apply for Garden Plots.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Correspondence:

It was noted that Bill Teman had a question regarding when the outdoor basketball court will be resurfaced. There was a discussion, including that the topic would be covered in the Facilities Reports portion of the meeting.

Program Coordinator Report:

JodiAnn Eure reported the following:

The annual Egg Hunt on Saturday April 5, 2026 was a big success, with approximately 100 children in attendance.

Current programs:

1. Tiny Tots Soccer has 31 participants so far and began on Saturday, April 11, 2026.
2. Language Labs were canceled due to low enrollment. The instructor may be offering classes for the Senior Center.
3. Music Time With Miss Cheryl has one Monday class full, Friday class is half full and a drop-in option is being offered to fill empty spots.
4. Tai Chi is on the second half of the ten-week course and is averaging 6 participants per class.
5. Mindful Movements just finished a session, averaging 5 in each class.
6. Pilates has low enrollment but is still running with 3 – 5 in each class.

Upcoming programs:

1. Ice Skating will not be happening this Spring as there is no ice time available for just an hour at a time due to staffing issues at the rink. Stephen Frattini is still working on getting a contract together for the summer skate program. Dr. Frattini noted that there would have to be a minimum number of participants before the program can go ahead but that he was hopeful since last summer the participants seemed to love the program.
2. Mindful Movements will be offered again.
3. Camp registration will begin on May 1, 2026 and will be set up on MyRec soon. John Wrenn will get pricing information to JodiAnn Eure. Mr. Wrenn noted that a smaller tent than last year will be rented for inclement weather at the Senior Camp.
4. Music Time With Miss Cheryl will have new classes for late June and early July set up soon and advertising will begin this coming week.

Stephen Frattini commended Kris Fazzone and the Town Crew on the good job lining the fields and the overall exceptional conditions of Park and Recreation facilities.

Director's Report:

John Wrenn reported the following:

- a. The checking account information for January, February and March was shared. Mr. Wrenn noted that the seawall repair will cost more than anticipated. The repairs to date total \$3,650.00 and there was still more to be done. There was a discussion. It was noted that the Town holds all the funds from boat slip rentals and perhaps the Department could ask to be reimbursed for these repairs but the bill needs to be paid in a timely fashion.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve payment of \$3,650 for the work on the seawall so far and a maximum of \$1,500.00 for the additional work needed. Patrick Dillet seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

- b. 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. Junior Camp will again be at the JCC for summer of 2026 however a contract is still needed and Mr. Wrenn will remind the BOS again that it needs to be done.
- c. The Early Bird program and ASP are both doing well.

Facilities Reports/Maintenance and Repairs:

- a. There is no news on the new boat dock project.
- b. Kris Fazzone discussed the access codes for the Scout House. There will be group-specific codes given out as necessary. The system should be ready by May 1, 2026. A calendar for scheduling use of the Scout House was discussed, along with the patterns of use the Scouts have had in the past. JodiAnn Eure noted that she would like to be able to start scheduling some Park and Recreation activities in the Scout House. Stephen Frattini noted that although the Scout House renovations are mostly completed, there are a few minor touches that still need to be completed. There was a discussion about how the Scout House is cared for by groups using it and who would be checking on this after each use. It was noted that each reservation can be made only with Park and Recreation's approval and that it might fall on the Town Crew to check the building after each use.
- c. There was a discussion about purchasing either a pop-up tent and/or a tablecloth with Sherman Park and Recreation Logo printed on it/them. It was decided that purchasing just a tablecloth would be appropriate.
- d. Kris Fazzone reported that there was a great deal of construction garbage from the church

construction that had blown into Colonial Field and up against the fence to the far side of the soccer field and into the woods. The Commission requested that John Wrenn contact Father Robert Wolf to have the garbage cleaned up. Also discussed was the church's parking is overflowing to the Community Gardens and along the road in front of the Gardens and along the stone wall to the right of the entrance to the Colonial Parking lot.. It was noted that there was plenty of available parking at the Colonial Field lot that church-goers could use and avoid parking on the grass.

e. Kris Fazzino noted that signs for Munch Meadows are in the works.

f. Kris Fazzino requested that Commission members take a walk around the Scout House and give him suggestions for what kind of landscaping and other outside features they would like to see installed, keeping water drainage in mind. It was suggested that digging a trench, lining it with fabric and filling it in with small round stone may be the best solution to water drainage.

g. The outdoor basketball court and tennis courts resurfacing was discussed. It was noted that the basketball court in its present state was not perfect but it was playable. The hope is that late this fall or early next Spring when the school gym is complete and they do not need the court for gym classes, the basketball court will be worked on. It was also noted that doing the tennis courts and basketball court at the same time may be cost-saving.

Old Business/New Business:

a. Mrs. Frattini reported that the 2026/2027 proposed budget included \$150.00 more than requested, Mr. Wrenn added that this was due to the recent increase in the costs for port-a-pots. In addition, purchasing a small used truck for Park and Recreation maintenance staff was discussed.

b. There had been the third of three Facilities/Grounds Improvement and Development workshops prior to this meeting. The Town Park was discussed. It was decided that there is no need to plan another workshop at this time.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Stephen Frattini made a motion to adjourn the April 13, 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 8:50pm.

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 May 11, 2026

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