



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting June 8, 2026

Present:

Fran Frattini – Chairman
Patrick Dillett
Kris Fazzino
T.J. Fazzino
Stan Greenbaum
John Wrenn – Director
JodiAnn Eure – Program Coordinator
Don Lowe – First Selectman

Absent:

Bill Teman
Stephen Frattini

Guests: Laurie Schedgick-Davis (Girl Scout Troop 40066), Jeanette Moberg (Livingstone Community Church)

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the June 8, Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:

1. John Wrenn noted that he had given permission for a last-minute Scout Troop 48 cookout at the Town Park for Saturday, June 6. He further noted that there were only 2 half-day rentals available for June as of today. Also noted was that there was no news on how the first Lobster Fest went.
2. Laurie Schedgick-Davies of Scout Troop 40066 requested use of the pavilion for Sunday, June 28, 2026. Mr. Wrenn noted that the Troop had already reserved the space for the 3-8 time slot so this was merely an adjustment to the original reservation. The pavilion is available for this adjustment in schedule. There was a discussion.

T.J. Fazzino made a motion to approve the use of the pavilion by Scout Troop 40066 for Sunday, June 28, 2026 in the 10:00-3:00 time slot and to waive the fee. Kris Fazzino seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

3. Jeanette Moberg of Livingstone Community Church requested use of the pavilion on Sunday, July 5, 2026 for a Living Stones Community Church event from 10:00-3:00. There was a discussion.

Patrick Dillett made a motion to approve the application for use of the pavilion by Jeanette Moberg of the Living Stones Community Church for an event on Sunday, July 5, 2026 from 10:00-3:00 and to waive the fee. Kris Fazzone seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Minutes from May 11, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting as written was made by T.J. Fazzone, seconded by Kris Fazzone and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation/Updates:

There were no updates on Community Projects or Eagle Scout projects.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Program Coordinator Report:

JodiAnn Eure reported the following:

Current programs:

1. Tiny Tots has concluded a successful spring season.
2. Music Time With Miss Cheryl – current program almost at full capacity.
3. Mindful Movements and Pilates have small groups but consistent numbers of participants.

Upcoming programs:

1. Music Time With Miss Cheryl has classes planned through July as well as one single August program.
2. Ice Skating at South Kent rink is a “go” and will run Sunday mornings 10:20 to 11:20 on July 12,19, 26 and August 2 and sign-up has begun. The program is free to Sherman residents.
3. Junior Chef Camps will be offered for the last 2 weeks of August 17–20 and August 24-27. One in each class so far. JodiAnn Eure noted that now school is scheduled to start 2 weeks earlier than expected, which may affect enrollment.
4. Brazilian Soccer camp is planned for August 24-28, with full day camp for ages 8-14, half day camp for ages 7-14, an hour-long clinic for ages 4-6 and is currently advertised with no registrants to date.

There was a discussion about use of the Scout House for Scouts and other programs. It was noted a Google calendar should be developed for scheduling and that the priority for space goes to Scouts and Park and Recreation programs. Don Lowe noted that an agreement had been worked out with the Playhouse to allow those using the Scout House to use the Playhouse bathroom. There is a security code needed, which Mr. Lowe provided to Park and Recreation. Also the Players will again be using the Old School/Scout House for opening night refreshments, etc.

Director’s Report:

John Wrenn reported the following:

- a. The checking account information for March, April and May was shared.
- b. The Early Bird program and ASP are both doing well.
- c. Junior Camp has 57 enrollees, Senior Camp has about 82, Extended Hours has 51 and Early Drop-off has 23. Swim Lessons have 22 and 179 Beach passes have been given out in 3 weeks.

It was noted that the location for getting a beach pass was not on Town website but only on Park and Recreation website. JodiAnn Eure will work on getting it on Town's site. Location is Town Hall.

d. Mr. Wrenn noted that the pickleball group had requested another wind screen on the south side of the courts, in addition to the existing windscreen on the north side. It was noted that having just the one screen on the north side seems to be the industry standard. There were no pickleball players present at this meeting. Mr. Wrenn had noted the pickleball group had raised a few hundred dollars toward a new windscreen, which may cost close to \$1900.00. It was suggested that perhaps Park and Recreation could pay for half the cost of an additional windscreen, but no decision was made.

e. Damage to the pickleball court surface seems to be a result of the squeegees scraping or falling on the court when being hung to dry. There was a discussion about using a different location outside the courts to hang the squeegees. Kris Fazzino will take care of this move.

f. It was reported that Lacrosse loves the fields they are playing on and even did a good deal of the field lining themselves.

g. Field Hockey can use the same field they have been using, the Little League field. Girls' Softball is still using Volunteer Field. All agreed it was good to see the fields looking so good and getting so much use.

Facilities Reports/Maintenance and Repairs:

a. Don Lowe, in response to the Commission's request, had gotten in touch with Brian Wood from First Light to discuss the status of the approval of Park and Recreation's application for the new boat dock project. FirstLight responded noted that the Town still needs to provide: a number of items including a copy of the permit for swim area. After some discussion, Mrs. Frattini advised that the CT Boating law provides that within 100' of buoys marking a restricted swim area vessels shall be operated at "Slow-No-Wake".

Kris Fazzino proposed an addition to the permit application for the development of 6 new fingers added on to the Park and Recreation dock used by the CLA at the south end of the Town Park. This plan could represent a total of 18 slips when coupled with the existing 6 slips on the 3 fingers already on that dock. Don Lowe proposed that the Park and Recreation Commission include both the original plan for additional boat slips as well as the added fingers at the dock currently used by CLA when completing application for First Light and FERC. Mr. Lowe noted that once the application is approved and a permit is granted, that permit lasts forever. Once approved, the Park and Recreation Commission can decide which plan to do, when to do it and whether or not to do both.

It was noted that although 8 boat slips exist on the docks the CLA uses, the CLA actually seem to use only 4 of them. It was suggested that a conversation should be had with the CLA about how many slips at Park and Recreation's dock at the south end of Town Park they actually use and how to divide the slips if this new proposal goes through. Mr. Lowe will have an engineer come to the Town Park to assess this new proposal. It was noted that this new plan for additional slips does not address the wall at the original boat docks. The wall was included in the original plan for the wall, a boardwalk and new slips. Now Mr. Lowe was suggesting adding the proposal for extra slips at the south end of Town Park to the original plan. Mr. Lowe will touch base with First Light and see what it will take to couple the two proposed plans together.

b. The Scout House, also known as the "Old School House", was discussed. It was noted that previous rules still apply, such as the priority of use goes first to the Scouts, then to Park and Recreation and then to any other use.

c. Kris Fazzino gave an update on the tennis court/basketball court repaving project. Project could be done either in August between camps ending and the start of school or wait until next year in the

spring. The project has to correspond with other paving projects planned for the Town in order to make it worthwhile. Mr. Fazzone will recalculate asphalt and labor costs and report back to the Commission.

- d. The Town Park's beach was open this past Saturday, The floats and booms are out. The ladders need to be installed and help is needed to get the swim buoys out.
- e. There was a discussion about the goose problem at the beach and possible solutions.
- f. There was a discussion about the proposed new Senior Center. It was noted that there was to be a meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 if any Commission members wish to attend. It was noted that the site plan for the proposed new Senior Center may have been taken down from the website. There was a discussion about the plan for Senior Housing and how that group of planners had coordinated with the Park and Recreation Commission. The Commission had not been approached by the Senior Center planning group and will be bringing their concerns to the meeting Tuesday.
- g. Bill McCann, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, was doing a presentation about the trails in Sherman and requested some information from Fran Frattini about the trails from Colonial Field to the Town Park. Also discussed were other trails on Town property, such as at Volunteer Park. It was noted that representatives from DEEP had walked Volunteer Park, mostly for tree inspection and that grant money might be available for recording the trees there.

Old Business/New Business:

- a. The approved 2026/2027 budget had been discussed at previous meetings.
- b. There is still a need to follow through with discussions about facilities and grounds improvement workshop suggestions at a later meeting.
- c. There was discussion about the suggested revision to the Rules and Regulations Ordinance, Section A #13, concerning refreshment vendors on Park and Recreation property. Fran Frattini had shared the original wording and the proposed new wording for the ordinance with all the Commission members. As follows:

Amendment to:

SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COMMISSION SUPERVISED PROPERTY
Approved at Town Meeting October 4, 1985.

ALL AREAS (SECTION A)

- 13. Licensed refreshment vendors may visit parks not more than twice per day for a total of one hour.

Remove what is there presently (as noted above) and substitute:

13. Licensed refreshment vendors may operate on park property up to two times per calendar day, with total operating time not exceeding one hour. The Park and Recreation Commission may, at its discretion, authorize extensions beyond the one-hour limit. To obtain such an extension, the vendor must submit a request and receive formal approval at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting prior to the extended operation.

Mrs. Frattini had consulted with former Commission member Rachel Booth, Esq. and together they developed the proposed new wording. There was a discussion, including that the Commission would have control over adjustments to applications and approval of any requests by vendors and would monitor the number of vendors at any one property on any day. Fees for vendors were discussed, as well as investigating what other Town's charge food trucks and ways to encourage food trucks to lease a parking space. Booking procedures were discussed and it was noted that there the final

wording needed to be sent to Don Lowe and then it would be presented at the June 24 BOS meeting to be included for a vote at the next Town meeting.

Kris Fazzino made a motion to approve the proposed new wording for the Rules and Regulations Ordinance, Section A #13, as edited by Rachel Booth. Patrick Dillett seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor. Wording will be submitted to the BOS for inclusion at a Town Meeting.

It was noted that the ice cream man is covered by the original wording that is included in the proposed new wording to the ordinance. It was also noted that application procedures will be discussed at a future meeting.

Patrick Dillett complimented Kris Fazzino and the Town Crew, saying that the Munch Meadow sign, oriented facing the road, looks great. Stan Greenbaum further complimented Kris Fazzino for a fine job during his 3+ years as head of Public Works. Mr. Greenbaum noted the many improvements during Mr. Fazzino's tenure overseeing the crew's duties, machine maintenance, trails maintenance and work on other areas of Park and Recreation facilities.

Kris Fazzino thanked both Mr. Dillett and Mr. Greenbaum for the compliments. Mr. Fazzino updated the Commission on the work he has observed being by the school to restore the water line to the bathroom facility at Veterans Field. Also noted was the school's building of a cement handicap ramp and stairway from school's upper parking lot to Veterans Field parking lot. Mr. Fazzino noted these were not Public Works' projects. Mrs. Frattini commented "finally, the steps are being restored."

With no further business to come before the Commission, T.J. Fazzino made a motion to adjourn the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. Patrick Dillett seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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 July 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***