



SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting September 14, 2026

Present:

Fran Frattini - Chairman
T.J. Fazzone
Kris Fazzone
Stan Greenbaum
Patrick Dillett
John Wrenn - Director
JodiAnn Eure - Program Coordinator

Absent:

Stephen Frattini
Bill Teman

Guests: Jeanette Moberg for Livingstone Church, Lauren English

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:17pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:

1. There was an application for use of the Town Park pavilion by Livingstone Church for Sunday morning, September 20, 2026 for a service and possibly a baptism. There was a discussion.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the application for use of the Town Park pavilion by Livingstone Church on Sunday morning, September 20, 2026 for a service and possibly a baptism and to waive the fee. T.J. Fazzone seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

2. Lauren English presented a proposal for a new Park and Recreation event, a Zombie/Survivor Road race. Ms. English proposed a 5K run starting at the library going to the Town Beach down Saw Mill Rd, returning to Veterans Field to do 3 laps around the track and then back to the library to the finish line. October 18, 2026 is the proposed day for the event, from 4:00pm-6:00pm with the race starting at 5:00pm. There was a discussion, including traffic, registration fees, prizes, beneficiaries of the proceeds from the race, liability, alternate lengths for the course, signage, other possible locations, a rain date, as well as the possibility of having a bonfire on the beach.

After the discussion it was decided that the event include a shorter run, approximately a 3K with just one lap around the track and a single beneficiary, the New Fairfield Sherman Animal Welfare Society. No

bonfire on the beach will be allowed this year. A registration fee of \$20.00 per adult, ages 14 to 18 \$10/per person and children under 14 years free was discussed. Kris Fazzone will order a few signs to put up by the road stating "Caution: Runners On Road". The cost of signs will come from registration fees. It was noted that the October meeting is earlier than usual and will be on October 5. It was also noted that all boats should be out of the water by October 15 so the Town Park should have plenty of room. Ms. English and JodiAnn Eure will continue to work on the event together and pre-registration will be on MyRec. A maximum number of participants was discussed. Ms. Eure will keep an eye on enrollment numbers.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to approve Lauren English's proposal for a Park and Recreation sponsored Zombies and Survivors Road Race to be tentatively held on Sunday, October 18, 2026 and to benefit the New Fairfield Sherman Animal Welfare Society. Kris Fazzone seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Minutes from August 10, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting as meeting was made by Stan Greenbaum, seconded by Patrick Dillett 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 shared her program report, including the following:

Current programs:

1. Mindful Movements has 4 participants, a small but consistent group. Ms. Eure would like to move this group to the Old School/Scout House.
2. Tiny Tots has good numbers, close to 25 signed up online and so far they have not been rained out.

Upcoming programs:

1. Pilates has been a small but consistent group and is hoping to start up in September. Ms. Eure would like to move this activity to the Old School/Scout House.
2. Music Time With Miss Cheryl will be running a 6-week course starting in January and also bi-monthly family jams. This program will stay at Charter Hall due to the age of the participants and the proximity of the bathrooms.
3. Ms. Eure will be in contact with the Commission for the Arts about again organizing the Festival of Lights this coming holiday season. There will be more information coming at the October meeting. there was a discussion, including a sign or symbol placed in the front yard of each house that is participating to help folks find out who is part of the event. It was noted that last year this free event only cost about \$200 - \$300 to put on.

Patrick Dillett made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 signs to designate each participating home in the Festival of Lights, not to exceed \$200.00. T.J. Fazzone seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Proposals include the Zombie and Survivor Run previously discussed. Concerns include the scheduling of the use of the Old School/Scout House. Ms. Eure noted that the Scouts still needed to sign up for reservation calendar for the times and dates they need the Old School/Scout House. Ms. Eure needs to plug

in other Park and Recreation activities to use the facility. In addition, it was noted that the Playhouse needs to let Park and Recreation know what dates and times they would like to use the Old School/Scout House for intermissions or short rehearsals.

Fran Frattini noted that the Tiny Tots program had a wonderful opening day. The present coaches have requested use of the field for one evening a week for the currently enrolled 5 and 6-year-olds to practice. There would be no charge for this practice. It was noted that any night would work, as no other groups were using the Colonial Field soccer field. The coaches will be advised that they have the go ahead for one night or more for their group.

Director's Report:

John Wrenn reported the following:

- a. The computer in Mr. Wrenn's office is not working so he had no current checking account information to share.
- b. There were already 44 boats registered for a chance at a boat slip in just two Saturdays, 16 of which are pontoon boats. Mr. Wrenn noted that at this rate there will be a lottery held on October 3, 2026 at 10:00am at Town Hall.
- c. ASP has 8 children registered to participate so far this school year. Early Bird has 3. It's a good start after only a few days of school. Mr. Wrenn would like to give the 2 supervisors a 50 cent per hour raise, representing a change to \$26.00/hour for one and \$23.50/hour for the other. He would like the raise to be effective starting with the next payroll period. There was a discussion.

Stan Greenbaum made a motion to approve the 50 cents per hour raise for current two supervisors of the program to be in effect starting with the next payroll. Patrick Dillett seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

- d. MyRec has not been working all week but it is being looked into.
- e. Summer Camp had 220 children sign up on MyRec and 15-20 in-person sign-ups, for about 235-240 total for the summer. About \$85,450.00 was collected on MyRec for Summer Camp. Sherman Cares contributed \$8,210.00 for individual campers' attendance. \$200.00 came from the Sherman School for one student. All told \$93,860.00 was collected for camps. \$2,840.00 was collected for swim lessons, less than usual summers due to weather related cancellations. \$18,110.00 was collected for Extended Hours and Early Drop-off. Camp lost about \$200.00 overall but there also had been more supervisory staff needed overall this past summer.

Mr. Wrenn will have his annual summer program report including field trip information at the October meeting.

Facilities Reports/Maintenance and Repairs:

Fran Frattini inquired about whether or not the water line had been hooked up from the school down to Veterans' Field. Kris Fazzone noted that the pipes should be run when the stairs are being done.

- a. There was no update on the boat dock project however there is still hope that Park and Recreation will be able to share some of the CLA's dock space.
- b. There was a discussion about rules for use of the Old School/Scout House and also about the possibility of a glass enclosed, locked bulletin board for Park and Recreation inside the building. It was noted that Park and Recreation rules apply and that rules specific for use of Old School/Scout House still need to be formalized.
- c. Patrick Dillett and Stan Greenbaum had attended the August Senior Center Building Committee meeting. It was noted that nothing specific has been decided yet by the committee but a new architect was hired. Mr. Greenbaum attended the September SCBC meeting and met the new architect who seemed interested in concerns and suggestions made by Park and Recreation relating to the integration of space and

programming between Park and Recreation and the Senior Center. Integration issues were discussed, including planning for public access from the outside to a bathroom in the new Senior Center and a waterline to the Community Gardens. Also discussed were the need to include tree removal, replanting trees and Town Crew involvement in long term maintenance.

There was a discussion about more collaboration among Park and Recreation, the new Senior center and the Board of Education. It was noted that there is grant money available for projects when this kind of collaboration occurs. A multi-use walking path was mentioned as an example of a project all three entities could collaborate on. The possible options entrances and exits for the new Senior Center were discussed, as well as orientation and location of the building and the parking lot. The original plan for the new Senior Center was reviewed.

Old Business/New Business:

- a. The approved 2026/2027 budget had been discussed at previous meetings and there was nothing new to report. It was noted that preparations for the next fiscal year's budget will be coming up soon.
- b. There is still a need to follow through with discussions about the facilities and grounds improvement workshop suggestions at a later meeting.
- c. Fran Frattini had sent her draft of the Annual Report to all Commissioners and noted her appreciation for all the compliments and comments she received. The Report was submitted to the Town in a timely manner.
- d. The October meeting will be early, scheduled for Monday October 5, 2026.

It was noted that Veterans' Field soccer field looks great, thanks to the efforts of Kris Fazzone and the Town Crew. Volunteer still looks great also and is used at least 3 times per week on a regular basis. John Wrenn noted that a New Fairfield group had requested permission to have a bonfire at the Town Park; the request was denied. There was also a discussion about gym use once the school gym was opened. Mr. Wrenn noted that even if the gym didn't open as late as March, he would still run basketball programs. Kris Fazzone noted that the Annual Softball Tournament will be on October 3, 2026.

The basketball court repair project was discussed. Mr. Wrenn noted that the fence that will be removed from three sides of the court will be used to build shelter/dugouts and backstop. There was a discussion including timing of the project.

Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2026 meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to not adjourn and continued the discussion about the basketball court project.

Mr. Wrenn had received a quote for the removal of the fencing and building of the structure at the baseball field. The quote included taking down the fencing and posts, creating the shelter/dugouts using the salvaged chain link fencing and putting covers on them. The quote was for \$21,022.00 to remove fencing and posts around the basketball court and re-purpose materials into shelter/dugouts. Using funds from the checking account was discussed. First Light and Zoning involvement was discussed. Kris Fazzone will talk to Zoning about the project. It was noted the shelter/dugouts were fences that would be put up for safety and security. It was also noted that Mr. Wrenn will need to get 2 more quotes.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$23,000 from the Park and Recreation Checking Account to take down fencing from around the basketball court at Veterans' Field and have the materials repurposed into baseball and softball field shelter/dugouts for safe seating for the teams. Kris Fazzone seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Mrs. Frattini reminded all that the October meeting would be one week early on October 5th due to the holiday on the second Monday.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn

the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. Patrick Dillelt seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

T.J. Fazzone
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

The next Park and Recreation Commission regular meeting is scheduled on October 5, 2026

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