

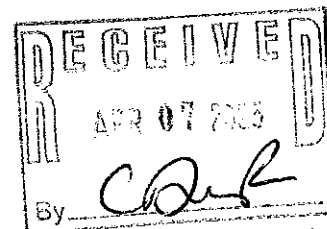
Minutes of the Recreation Commission Special Meeting 3/31/2025

Members Present: Gary Wilson, Ernie LeClaire, Tanya Galpin, Frank Treglia, Matt Stancavage, Sean Czellec

Not Present: Brian Lafontaine

Also Present: Joe Aniki

Meeting Commenced: 7:03 p.m.



10:00 PM

The minutes from the Recreation Commission meeting of 3/3/2025 were read. Matt Stancavage made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Frank Treglia. Members in favor: Gary Wilson, Tanya Galpin, Ernie LeClair, Frank Treglia, Matt Stancavage. Abstaining: Sean Czellec

Joe Aniki presented the board with a blueprint for a sandbox for Nystrom's Park as previously discussed with high school student Izaiah Ortiz. The commission discussed the location and maintenance of the sandbox. Ernie LeClair made a motion to not approve the implementation of this sandbox, seconded by Matt Stancavage, citing issues with the location and maintenance of the proposed sandbox. All members were in favor. Joe Aniki will reach out to Mr. Ortiz and explain the reasoning why the decision was made. The commission recognizes the value of the idea behind the proposal but does not think it is optimal to pursue at the current time.

Joe Aniki also updated the commission on his conversation with Michael Lang of the Railroad Museum. The commission will not currently provide any funds for the Railroad Museum but Mr. Aniki will look for opportunities with future collaborative efforts with the museum to benefit the Recreation Fund.

Next, the Commission was updated on conversations with Casey McKenna from the Torrington Recreation Department regarding donations for prized for the Northwest Vocal Showcase. The Commission at this time does not want to provide funds for prize payouts. Upon further discussion, Joe Aniki will talk with Jeff Dunn about implementing other recreation specific programs along with the Thomaston Opera House. Programs discussed were voice lessons and a contest.

The Commission was updated on the B.O.S. meeting on 3/18/2025. The Commission was told that the B.O.S. unanimously approved the purchase of a robotic liner to line the athletic fields of the Town, pending approval of the Recreation Commission. Thomaston

Little League and Thomaston Youth Soccer will continue to contribute to the cost of paint to line the fields.

A motion was made by Ernie LeClair for the Recreation Commission to agree to a 6 year lease at \$9600.00 per year for a total amount of \$57,600 for the acquisition of a robotic line painter to be used for the lining of all athletic fields that fall under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission and other Town properties. Monies will come out of the Recreation Fund and will not affect the recreation budget. This motion was seconded by Tanya Galpin. Members in favor: Gary Wilson, Ernie LeClair, Tanya Galpin, Matt Stancavage, Sean Czellecz. Member not in favor: Frank Treglia. This approval will be put to a townwide discussion on 4/2/2025.

The Commission was informed that the facilities at Nystrom's Park are set to be open in the next couple of weeks. Irrigation is also scheduled to be ready in the same time frame. Summer camp staff is ready to be hired and lifeguards are set for the upcoming summer season.

The Rec. Fund as of 3/31/2025 is \$34,908.93.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sean Czellecz, seconded by Tanya Galpin. All members were in favor.