



Minutes of the Recreation Commission Regular Meeting 5/4/2026

Members Present: Gary Wilson, Shawn McGee, David Shypinka, Brian Lafontaine & Frank Treglia

Not Present: Matt Stancavage & Tanya Galpin

Also Present: Joe Aniki

Meeting Commenced: 6:59 p.m.

The minutes from the Recreation Commission regular meeting of 4/6/2026 were read. Brian Lafontaine made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Frank Treglia. All members in favor.

Old Business:

Sanford Fence has been temporarily fixed by Mario Chiovetti and his crew. They were able to straighten out the broken section of fence and added some extra support poles for safety. Director Aniki states that it is in much better condition than before, still has hopes that we will be able to use capitol funding towards that project after July.

Director Aniki spoke to the new head of the Women's Club of Thomaston (Karen Lamy) and she mentioned that they will fully pay for two new signs at Nystroms. One sign at the Turner Road four corners (Nystrom's Park) and another at the pond entrance (Nystroms Pond). Aniki confirmed with THS woodshop teacher and sign installer that the letters will Not be vinyl, it will be a printed laminate adhered onto the pvc sign.

Two new picnic tables were purchased and brought down to Reeves. Public Works Dept took the tables into the garage for a few days and then stained it to uphold the harsh winters. After discussion with the public works department, we have decided to move them closer to the playground, rather than the basketball court.

New Business:

Welcome new Recreation Commission member David Shypinka.

Fresh Mulch is being purchased for Nystroms Park playgrounds, donated by the Thomaston Rotary Club. The date has not been made yet, but when it does Director Aniki will be sure to let everyone know so we can lend a helping hand. Thomaston Rotary is also scheduled to do some yearly maintenance to the pirate ship and would like to stain the pavilion if necessary.

Thomaston High School has mentioned that a tennis net up at Nystroms Park has been ripped along the top seem. Public Works employee Tyler Geddees mentioned that these

are the original nets that were first installed on the court. Director Aniki has gone up and installed a temporary fix. Brian Lafontaine made a motion to purchase two new tennis nets, seconded by Shawn Mcgee. All in Favor

Anderson Turf Irrigation came by and started our spring start up for this year. Director Aniki stated that everything up and running, but nothing is on. A few sprinkler heads needed to be replaced and they would like to come back to inspect a few sprinkler heads (7-9) on Highwood Farms Field.

Director Aniki passed out the 2025-2035 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), explaining the ten year plan the POCD would like to see from Recreation.

The Rec. Fund as of 4/30/2025 is \$49,978.23.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 1st, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Lafontaine, seconded by David Shypinka at 7:35pm. All members were in favor.