

Minutes of the Recreation Commission Regular Meeting 9/14/2026

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

Not Present: Matt Stancavage, Tanya Galpin & Brian Lafontaine

Also Present: Joe Aniki

Meeting Commenced: 7:01 p.m.

The minutes from the Recreation Commission regular meeting of 8/3/2026 were read. Frank Treglia made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by David Shypinka. All members in favor.

Old Business:

Thomaston Little League President Paul Novakowski has informed Director Aniki that he will be in attendance of next months Rec Commission meeting to discuss the expected work to be started on Nystroms Baseball field to fix the drainage issues.

Director Aniki and Thomaston High School Wood Shop teacher Brandon Lynn installed the new Nystrom's Pond sign donated by the Thomaston Women's Club. Director Aniki had mentioned that the other sign (Nystroms Park) is still waiting to be installed, we are hoping that it will be installed sooner than later.

Maddie Lentz 2025 Senior Project – Tennis Hitting Wall at Nystroms Tennis Courts were finally installed by Brandon Lynn, Joe Aniki and a few other THS Teachers. Mr. Lynn did recommend that we apply some fresh paint to the wall, which he still has on hand. Director Aniki said he would be willing to take care of that.

Director Aniki has mentioned that he has reached out to Dan the Sign Man (did new Nystrom signs) to see if he could quote on some new rules and regulation signs for Nystroms Park.

Joe Aniki reached out to Evan Kelly of EK Painting to get a price quote on the inside and outside of Nystroms bathhouse. Evan did say he would be able to take a look but did recommend we look into a flooring company to look at the flooring, as it gets heavy use during the soccer season. Rec Member Frank Treglia did make the recommendation that Joe should reach out to other painting companies and ask if the company can sand it down to bare concrete and put a protective seal over that, rather than painting it every year.

Director Aniki is still inquiring information if it is possible to re-line the tennis courts at Nystroms Park to install pickleball lines. We do feel that this would be the fastest way for our community to have a pickleball court. Director Aniki has reached out to Thomaston



High Schools Athletic Director Bobby McMahon (new hire) and unfortunately, he did not have information. Rec member Treglia made the recommendation of reaching out to the CIAC directly to see if it possible.

The Sanford Dugouts project that has been approved through capital is just waiting for a response from the Selectman to decide of which company to go with, we are hopeful we will be able to begin that project in the upcoming weeks – dependent on company scheduling.

New Business:

Director Aniki has informed the commission that after school programs are back up running at the schools now that school is in session. Currently, we have Next Generation Dance & Gymnastics session 1, After School Mat Ball, After School Playground Club and an upcoming fall crafts program at TCS.

New benches were purchased from MaryBeth Johnson and the Recreation Dept. was able to obtain 4 of the older style benches that were moved to: Nystroms Pond, Reeves Field & two at Highwood Farms Field.

The 2026-2027 Travel Basketball tryouts have officially opened for registration. Director Aniki notes that the tryouts are free, but once a child makes the team a fee is required from parents to cover uniforms, tournament expenses, gym rentals and referee payment.

The Rec. Fund as of 8/31/2026 is \$38,885.33.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5th, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shawn McGee, seconded by David Shypinka at 7:24pm. All members were in favor.