



**Waterford Recreation and Parks
Commission Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2026 @ 4:30 pm**

The Recreation and Parks Commission held a regular scheduled meeting on July 28th, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Ed Murphy and a quorum was established.

Members in attendance: E. Murphy, E. Benvenuti, T. Santos, N. Scheiber, T. Stino, B. Kyne

Members Absent: M. Sheehan, M. Chiappone, T. Burrows

Staff: R. McNamara, T. Cieplik, N. Clack, E. Sullivan

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion #1 by N. Scheiber and seconded by B. Kyne to approve the June 23, 2026 meeting minutes as amended

(T. Shannon being changed to T. Stino).

Vote: 4-0-2 Motion: Approved

T. Stino arrived at 4:40 pm

Public Comment:

None

Correspondence:

None

Staff Reports:

R. McNamara, Director - New banners have been installed around the AJH park and the Veteran's war memorial with flags for the CT250/Waterford 225. These brackets will stay and we will be able to change them out throughout the year with other banners. The veteran's will be cleaning up the Veteran's War Park to help get it ready for the parade that is on August 8th. We are at full staff in our maintenance department with 3 new hires that have started. Beginning of the FY2027 year getting new purchase orders ready, coordinating the pavilion at the civic triangle playground. Aquatics getting a new start that T. Cieplik will be taking on. There was a discussion in regards to our co-sponsored groups and how it is decided how much funds they are able to receive. T. Stino would like a meeting date for the Youth Sports Council that we can go over finances for future data.

T. Cieplik, Assistant Director -The band Sugar was discussed for August 5th concert at Waterford Beach Park.

T. Cieplik met with Fire Police on how it will be handled and there is a plan in place should we reach capacity to hold people at the Great Neck Road. The lower parking lot area when full is the safest and once full, nobody will be allowed in. T. Stino shared that instead of using Fire Police the town should look into hiring a company to do all the events that require parking large crowds. New leadership will be at Dominion next year and they possibly will not be able to sponsor our Summer Music Concerts. E. Benvenuti shared with EB coming to the Crystal Mall and potentially being the Waterford Campus possibly they would be a beneficial sponsor. E. Benvenuti will give the contact information for EB to T. Cieplik.

N. Clack, Program Coordinator - There is a strong interest to have some new classes. Game On will begin in the fall but did not have a large enough participation this summer and was cancelled. The leaders for Game On will focus on giving MVP awards and best participation awards for those that show good

sportsmanship not just an athlete at the game. Run Club did well this summer and N. Clack is looking for possibly a Waterford Beach run to Harkness and back. Social media had a million views and is growing.

Long Range Planning : E. Benvenuti will be working with R. McNamara on properties and planning.

Policy and Procedures: Playground, Gate House and Beach have all been updated. Still working on Recreation and Parks Commission's policy and procedures with Tracy and Ed.

Board of Ed: No update

Board of Finance: B. Tuneski reported all is going smoothly

Historical Society: All in good standing - we have been helping with tree trimming

O'Neil Theatre: Communication and the grounds are of concern

Senior Services: N. Scheiber will get the minutes to be able to report back to Park and Recreation Commission as the meetings are on the same day and time.

New Business:

Discuss beach stickers for the 2027 beach season and have a plan/packet put together of what we will be submitting the RTM in the fall.

Adjournment:

Motion 2 by B. Kyne and seconded by E. Benvenuti to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Vote: 6-0-0 Motion: Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Sullivan
Office Coordinator