



**Borough of Fenwick
580 Maple Avenue
Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475**

Parks Commission Meeting Approved Minutes for July 16, 2022

1. Call to order at 9:04AM, Frank Keeney, Scott Pulver, Margaret Wade, Robyn Gengras, Bob Gay, Bruce Baird (resident) Nancy Marikar (there to swear in members for their terms) and Jeff Champion in attendance.
2. Comments from the public – NONE
3. Approval of minutes from prior meeting – Motion made, seconded, unanimous approval.
4. Tennis Report – Robyn Gengras:
 1. Tennis wall needs replacing and a quote is being worked on, Aaron is helping, Robyn has contacts to reach out to as well.
 2. Court 4 is having issues, Jeff/Daryl are working with Putnam Tennis on an assessment and a quote to repair.
 3. Additionally, Putnam Tennis should be giving us their assessment on overall court conditions and a cost to rebuilding all the courts if prudent. When ready, a project of this size should be brought to the Burgesses so that FIF can be prepared.
5. Beach and Pier Report – Margaret Wade:
 1. Playground is in good condition, there are some minor repairs to be made, FIF still has funding left for the project so submit invoices.
 2. Pier Report – Jeff: The previous engineer that performed the end of the pier repair has become non-responsive, so we reached out to the Harbor Engineering from RI. This is the same firm that performed the repair on the Crab Creek Bridge 10 years ago. Harbor Engineering does not feel that the middle section of the pier is critical at this point. They also looked at the 4th Tee Box, the Seawall, and Crab Creek Bridge, report coming.
 3. The refurbishment of the southern point of the pier wave boards were discussed as a long-term solution to protecting the pier.
 4. Additional signage was discussed with Daryl and ordered.
 5. Lifeguards and Sailing Instructors were discussed.
 6. Sailboats were discussed and who owns them, who loaned them to the Borough and how they are currently locked up. The 420's are all believed to Play Class, the Opti's were most likely all donated by residents.
 7. The Swimming Program portion of Play Class was discussed and its practicality.
 8. PFD required signage was discussed for the pier. Posting that PFD's are recommended for all residents using paddleboards and kayaks and that the law requires all children under 12 to wear them and all people between October 1 and May 31 to wear a PFD.

6. Lynde Point Land Trust – Bob Gay:

1. Fenwick is 2/3rds parkland, 1/3 residential.
2. A request was made to open more land/trails to the public. The point was made that the Grove and Meadow are available under a recreational easement and that the marshland was under a conservation easement and unavailable for walking trails.
3. The Wildlife Committee (Bob Gay, Andy Griswold, Jennifer McCann) were looking into spraying options and other considerations. Andy Griswold is to meet with Jeff, Daryl and Dan McGowan (environmental staffer).
4. The lot behind the mailboxes by the 4th tee box should get cut back and then plantings put in like Mulberry Bushes. The Cedar Trees need to be thinned out; Bob will contact Daryl. Mowing Sequassen Ave versus spraying it will also be explored.

7. Golf Report – Scott Pulver:

1. Blocking off Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 400PM for resident play has been a success and warmly received by the residents.
2. Many compliments about how the 8th tee box came out after thinning out the plantings in that area.
3. Moving the starters out to the first tee has been helpful.
4. Trimming the trees at St. Mary's needed to be addressed.
5. OB markers along the 4th and 8th tees needed to be clearer.
6. Ball washers should be put back out on the course.
7. The tee boxes and greens on the Ryder course are getting beat up from practicing golfers. Verbal requests not to use them for that purpose are ineffective. Signs should be made up for each hole about either playing the hole as designed or practice shots should be made outside of the tee box and not targeted at the greens.
8. Frank Keeney reported about the golf rates and that the Parks Commission should be prepared to make a recommendation to the Burgesses for rate changes. There are currently 110+ on the ticket holder waiting list.
9. The 90-degree rule is in effect because of draught conditions.
10. Signage needs to be put at the starter shack and first tee that only two carts will be allowed per foursome, starters and rangers will need to help inform and enforce.
11. Robyn was asked about condensing the amount of tee times that Play Class uses on Mondays and she said that they couldn't at this point.
12. Frank Keeney read the superintendent's report.

8. General Manager's Comments – all covered during the meeting.

9. The sand side of the pier was accumulating an excess amount of seaweed and solutions needed to be addressed by Daryl.
10. Bob Gay discussed his desire for some additional information about electric mowers on the fairways and whether they were guided by GPS or low voltage wiring. What would the costs be for purchase and installation on even one hole?
11. Adjournment at 10:35AM, motion made, seconded, and approved

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Champion, General Manager