



# TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

## Parks and Recreation Commission

80 Main Street

Terryville, CT 06786

### Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

7:00- Senior Lounge - 80 Main St., Terryville, CT

1. **Call to Order-** Please state Date & Time for the Record

A Special Meeting of the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by **Chairman Dennis Fowler** at 7:00 p.m. on April 22, 2025 in the Senior Lounge of the Plymouth Town Hall.

2. **Attendance** – Members in attendance included: **Chairman Dennis Fowler, Rich Schnaars, Dave Downes, Kelly Vitale, Kerry Bamrick, Director Maureen Cappetto** and Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.

**Chairman Dennis Fowler** takes this opportunity to thank members of the Commission for their support in electing him as the Commission's new **Chairman**. He is confident that with the good people on this Commission we will continue to grow and advance this department.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by the **Chairman**,

4. **Fire Exits** – Pointed out by the **Chairman**

5. **Public Participation** - None

6. **Update from TYSC** on Terryville Lions Multi-Use Field – No Report.

7. **Program Financials to date** – Reviewed by **Director Cappetto**

There is a general review of the financials to date.

Community Garden registrations are beginning to come in.

Summer Camp – 34 Registrations

General discussion regarding pricing inquiries. **Director Cappetto** advised participants to understand that everything is getting a little more expensive. The only negative comments were from the individuals that were able to attend the camp with grant funds, they were told that the department would not be able to waive fees and were referred to HRA.

8. **Director's Report**

*Plymouth Parks and Recreation **Director** Report – April 22, 2025*

*Current programs*

- *Lacrosse Clinic – Beginner/learning 1 sessions left 4/23.*

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- *Adult Pick-up basketball leagues – moved to high school, ending April 29th*
- *Cheer Club - We have 32 participants, and it runs through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Very good reviews*
- *Afterschool programs –Stay at Home Course April 30th.*
- *Pickleball courts - open and taking reservations*

*Future programs*

- *Seniors - Lunch and Learn again in May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> with nutritionist. Parks and Rec was allocated \$10,000 of the \$25,000 I requested for capitals to remodel the Senior lounge. None of our other capital requests were funded but **Chairman Kilduff** acknowledge Veterans playground will need to be funded in the near future.*
- *Pickleball tournament – looking to host in June with team fees and prizes. Could be a small money maker and promoting courts*
- *Thomaston interested in Red Sox Ballgame trip with us – September 27<sup>th</sup> against Detroit. We are working on pricing*
- *Fishing Derby on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Registration is open. All the same as last year – trophies, categories, sponsors, volunteers*
- *Summer camp registration is open – Field trips and enrichment are set. We have 34 campers registered for 7 weeks – Highest week is 44.*
- *Summer travel basketball – we should have a 4-5<sup>th</sup> and a 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade team in the summer league*
- *DEEP Fish with Care program - at Lake Winfield on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm. Fish with Care\_ events are small scale gatherings, limited to the first 25 individuals (primarily small family/friend groups) that pre-register on our DEEP Hunting and Fishing Education Registration website.*

*Odds and Ends*

- *We need a band for Lanterns on Lake Winfield. Hazzard County is not available either of the 2 weekends in October.*
- *2 potential rentals of our fields – Ososki and Gear Drive - neither is likely to come through, but we are getting the word out that for the right situation our fields are available*
- *Rescheduled with Resource Lighting and Energy about lights at Ososki park.*
- *Lions club ordered swing for Veterans Memorial honoring young local boy who drowned last summer. Will be installed by our workers when it arrives*
- *Lions' treasurer asked that we formally request annual donation for Fishing derby, so we are budgeted in their donations*

As stated above, Board of Finance is recommending a portion of the funding requested for upgrades to the Senior Lounge and surrounding area. They cut my request from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

**Director Cappetto** also advised that she did not request additional staff this year as she is always turned down, but staff requested by the Town Clerk is included as a recommendation in the draft budget. She will make sure to include it next year.

**Director Cappetto** advised that she was contacted by a veteran who expressed interest in donating a flagpole with a light to be placed in Veterans park. **Chairman Fowler** advised that he also was contacted regarding this request. The **Director** expressed concern over allowing residents that are interested in donation to dictate where and what they want to do. We do not

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need any more trees at our parks. We need to have more control, and make suggestions on what is needed, example – we have a resident that will be donating a swing at the park which was the **Director's** suggestion.

**9. Chairman/Commissioners Comments**

Members all express their congratulations to our new **Chairman**. **Chairman Fowler** graciously accepts their well wishes and feels that we are all here for the right reasons.

Members also welcome **Kerry Bamrick** back to the Commission.

**10. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** **Rich Schnaars** made a **MOTION**, which was seconded by **Kerry Bamrick** and voted on unanimously.

Submitted by,

Pam Pelletier, Recording Secretary