



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs McGarry and Mahoney and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Saftic and Wallace. Absent or excused were Reps. Stella and Watkins. Also present were Reps. Di Costanzo, Lion and Nabel; Kevin Murray, Parks and Facilities Manager; Laurie Albano, Recreation Superintendent; Michael Sullivan, Golf Course Superintendent; Officer Peter Gould, Parks Police; Robert Tyska and Michael Briscoe, Stamford Golf Commission; David Winston, John Rovegno, Michael Tedder and Paul Newman, Parks and Recreation Commission; and several members of the public.

Co-Chair McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 11. PR30.002 | REVIEW; Overview of City Parks Department and Recreation Department with Parks & Facilities Manager Kevin Murray and Superintendent of Recreation Laurie Albano. 01/02/18 – Submitted by President Quinones | Report Made |
| <p>The Committee discussed the operations of the Recreation Services Department (including 5 underlying programs), Terry Conner's Ice Rink and E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course with Ms. Albano. The Committee discussed the operations of the Parks Maintenance Department with Mr. Murray.</p> | | |
| 12. PR30.001 | RESOLUTION <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ; Adopting the City of Stamford Parks & Recreation Commission Parks & Recreation Facility Regulations, per Code §175-1. 12/27/17 – Submitted by Parks & Recreation Commission | Held 9-0-0 |

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Officer Gould explained that this revision began as a result of conflicts created by the Food Truck Ordinance and changes to the length of the park season. The proposed regulations were approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission and now must be approved by the Board of Representatives in order to be enforceable. He reviewed each of the individual proposed changes, as shown on the redlined copy. The proposed changes:

- Resolve a conflict between the regulations and the dates approved by the Board of Representatives
- Include Cubeta Stadium and any future stadiums in places where lawful orders of personnel assigned to parks facilities need to be followed
- Conform the regulations to the Food Truck Ordinance and regulate other commercial activity which might submit the City to liability
- Permit the City to use Border Collies to control geese
- Clarify changes to the City boat ramps
- Make the owner of vehicles the prima facie violator regarding amplified noise from vehicles
- Create guidelines regarding the use of camera drones

Committee members expressed concerns about the use of non-human methods of controlling geese and the need to clarify a “remote controlled ground vehicle.” It was noted that these changes would need to be approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to being approved by the Board.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. McGarry and Mahoney and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Saftic and Wallace in favor).

- ³3. [PR30.003](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; **Approved 9-0-0**
Approving Rate Increases for the 2018 Season at
the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course.
01/03/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tyska and Mr. Briscoe discussed the proposed rate changes with the Committee:

- This is the first change since 2015
- Most fees are a \$2 increase
- They try to stay at or below area courses
- In 2015 they created a non-resident permit; this is being replaced with a “play as a resident” pass
- They are trying to increase the number of junior (up to 17) players
- The vast majority of players are residents; non-residents are 25% of the play time but 35% of the revenue
- These changes seek to create a more consistent rate structure
- Most of the daytime play during the week is by resident seniors
- The non-resident rates during the week were too high

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A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. McGarry and Mahoney and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Saftic and Wallace in favor).

Co-Chair McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).