



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

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

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican 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. Giordano, Matherne, Pratt, Watkins, and Wallace. Absent or excused were Reps. Aquila, Saftic and Stella.. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, Sherwood and Zelinsky; Ted Jankowski, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Director; Chief Thomas Wuennemann; Althea Brown, and David Winston, Parks and Recreation Commission; and several members of the public.

Co-Chair McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item no. 3 PR30.012 was taken up first.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR30.007	RESOLUTION; Approving Fee Schedule for Terry Conners Ice Rink. 04/30/18 – Submitted by Laurie Albano 05/14/18 – Moved to Pending	Committee Approved 6-0-0

Mr. Smith spoke briefly about the new rates. He said 3 out of the last 4 years they had a deficit. Since they primarily service Stamford residents the increase is nominal. Also mentioned some rates have decreased because compared to other rates in this area Stamford was considered high.

A motion to approve Item 1 PR30.007 was made seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (McGarry, Mahoney, de la Cruz, Matherne, Wallace and Watkins)

2. PR30.008	RESOLUTION; Establishing Fees for Summer Camp Programs. 04/30/18 – Submitted by Laurie Albano 05/14/18 – Moved to Pending	Item Held 6-0-0
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Ms. Albano proposed a 15% increase across the board for full pay and children qualified for reduced lunch. She mentioned everything has increased including staffing, products, art supplies, and gas for buses.

The Committee would like a better analysis on the difference of full priced vs reduced pay and the totality of scholarships. The committee agrees that the City should support and finance more investments in the camp programs.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0. (McGarry, Mahoney, de la Cruz, Matherne, Wallace and Watkins)

3. PR30.012	REVIEW; Stamford Park Police Status and Contract. 08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. McGarry, Matherne, Aquila, Roqueta, Pratt and Sherwood	Committee Held 6-0-0
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The following was stated:

- At the April 2, 2018 Police Commission meeting Chief Wuennemann stated that Police Chief Esserman in 1997 took the payroll of 15 Park police and put it in the Stamford Police Department overtime account. In 2003 Mayor Malloy took the four remaining officers and put them and their budget under Operations with the understanding they were to be supervised by the Stamford Police Department.
- Chief Wuennemann explained that it costs as much to train a Park Police officer as a regular Stamford police officer unless they are a retired SPD.
- Mr. Jankowski stated there is an agreement between the UAW and the city that the Park police will now fall under the authority of the police chief. Co-chair McGarry confirmed that this agreement is not signed and that park police are supervised by SPD.
- Mr. Jankowski stated that no new police would be hired while they are in negotiations.
- Chief Wuennemann stated that there are 7 open positions for SPD but none for Park police going forward for New Park Police
- The committee through co-chairman McGarry stated the following: There is a fundamental distrust as to how the \$300,000 would be used. The Statement has been made that the Board of Representatives, if the Mayor so chooses, would approve the \$300,000 from contingency for Park Police in the operations department because Mr. Murray knows where and when the park police are needed.
- The Board of Representatives, the neighborhood associations and the people want Park Police, obviously someone in the city would like the Park police to fade away.

- Since the committee received the [plan](#) from Mr. Jankowski late they would read it over and address the item at the next meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).