



## ***Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, May 16, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Matheny, Vice-Chair Sandford, and Committee Member Reps. Kuczynski and Weinberg. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, and Saftic. Also in attendance were Reps. Summerville; Michael Toma, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Peter Gould, Park Police Officer, and Melanie Hollas, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Chair Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

<b><i>Item No.</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Committee Action</i></b>
1. <a href="#">PR31.033</a>	RESOLUTION and <u>Approval of Public Hearing</u> ; Amending the City of Stamford Parks and Recreation Commission Parks & Recreation Facility Regulations, per Code §175-1 ( <i>adopted by the Board of Representatives <a href="#">Res. 3889</a></i> ) 03/20/24 – Approved by Parks & Recreation Commission 04/03/24 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny 04/18/24 – Held by Committee 05/15/24 – Approved by Parks & Recreation Commission	<b>Approved 4-0-0</b>

Chair Hollas discussed the environmental dangers of using balloons and confetti with the Committee, including:

- Animals mistake balloons for food and become entangled within the remnants.
- Animals beach themselves and die every year after ingesting deflated balloons.
- Biodegradable latex balloons take up to two years to breakdown.
- Balloons travel affecting wildlife miles from their release location.

Safe Alternatives to Confetti include:

- Bird seed
- Dried flowers
- Dried leaves

Safe Alternatives to Balloons include:

- Paper streamers

- Tissue paper pom-poms
- Flags
- Pendants
- Kites
- Paper lanterns
- Bubbles

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Chair Matheny, Co-Chair Sandford, Reps. Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

Chair Matheny adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Matheny, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).