



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel R. Sanford, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

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 Sanford and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Reps. Goldberg, Sherwood, and Stella; Melanie Hollis, Commissioner Parks & Recreation; Dana Lee, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Josephine Carpanzano, Deputy Director of Operations, and Kevin Murray, Operations Manager, Parks & Facilities. Absent or excused were Reps. Curtis, Kuczynski, and Saftic.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR31.041	REVIEW ; New Lione Park parking lot progress 03/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny 04/14/25 – Moved to Pending	Report made
Chair Matheny provided an update as emailed by Director Quiñones:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of August 5th, the project has officially been awarded.• The contract is under review with the legal team.• The projected start date is tentatively scheduled to begin in October or November.• All RFPs are available on the website for public viewing.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scope details are outlined in the RFPs.○ Bid range: \$849,000 to \$1,038,000.		
2. PR31.049	REVIEW ; Stamford Stars' Proposal for Future Expansion of Ball Fields 08/19/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood	Report made

Commissioner Hollis summarized the following:

- In January 2025, Michael Ojira (Stamford Stars Girls Softball League) presented a proposal to add a third rookie field at Troy Softball Complex.

- The proposal was supported by a \$30,000 grant from the New York Mets and the Steve Cohen Foundation.
- Commissioner Newman motioned to approve a feasibility study using the grant funds.
- The motion passed 3/1/0 (Tedder, Newman, and Pomerantz in favor; Hollas opposed; no abstentions).
- The proposed rookie field would be placed between the two existing outfielders, utilizing the smaller size of a rookie field.
- Residents and Cove Island Wildlife Sanctuary representatives voiced opposition during public comment and via email.
 - Concerns included environmental impact and disruption to nearby natural areas.
- Lauren Meyer responded that the administration had not been approached and would not support the third field proposal.

3. [PR31.050](#) **ORDINANCE;** for publication; Amendment to Section 231-3 of the Code of Ordinances regarding beach access
09/04/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood **Motion to approve 5/0/0**

A motion to approve Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair Matheny, Vice-Chair Sandford, Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, and Weinberg in favor).

4. [PR31.051](#) **ORDINANCE;** for publication; All Park Designs within the City of Stamford must be approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission as an approver of park design
09/05/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
09/15/2025 – To be held **Withdrawn**

5. [PR31.044](#) **REVIEW;** Ordinance for Discussion, Regulating The Use Of Existing Artificial Turf Fields And Banning Future Installation Of Such Fields.
06/04/2025 – Submitted by Reps de la Cruz, Camporeale, Berns, Walston, Figueroa, Campbell, Saftic, Strain, Adams and Curtis
06/23/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 4-2-0
07/28/2025 – Meeting Cancelled
08/18/2025 – Held
09/15/2025 – To be held **Withdrawn**

Chair Matheny adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Matheny, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).