



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, January 27, 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 and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Kuczynski, and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Reps. Moore, Summerville, Tomas, Walston; Peter Gould, Park Police Coordinator; Melanie Hollas, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Christopher Baker, Stamford Police Captain; Tom Lombardo, Stamford Police Captain, and Angelo Fusaro, Stamford Little League Secretary. Absent or excused were Reps. Gilbride, Saftic, and Sandford.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR31.040	REVIEW AND APPROVAL; Of the Stamford Little League's proposal to upgrade scoreboards at Scalzi and Springdale Park fields. 01/08/25 – Submitted By Rep. Matheny	Motion to approve 4/0/0

Secretary Fusaro addressed the issues with the existing park scoreboards:

- Scalzi Park:
 - The scoreboard flickers.
 - Maintenance is out of warranty and costs about \$5K per visit.
 - The scoreboard is around 15 years old.
- Springdale Park:
 - The scoreboard no longer turns on.
 - The scoreboard is around 40 years old.
- The estimated cost to upgrade both scoreboards is \$40K.
- The upgrade was approved by the Stamford Little League board.
- The Stamford little League fund will pay for the upgrade.
- Installation is scheduled to take place within this year.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Chair Matheny, Reps. de la Cruz, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

2. [PR31.039](#)

REVIEW; of Scalzi Park quality of life concerns, to include: Park hours modification; Feasibility and cost estimate of installing a gate at the entrance/exit of park; Install multilingual signs indicating park regulations; Feasibility and cost estimate to add additional traffic calming methods
01/08/25 – Submitted By Reps. Matheny, Curtis and Moore

**Motion to
recommit
4/0/0**

Director Murray discussed installing gate access in Dorothy Heroy Park:

- The unit costs \$10,380.
- The electrical contractor costs \$8,300.
- Moving the phase power from Eversource costs \$500.
- It will close off Riding Stable Trail Road.
- The gate is scheduled to close at 9 pm each night.
- Sensors will be installed, requiring an access code for entry.

Captain Baker outlined the enforcement measures for the new noise ordinance as follows:

- Noise meters will not be utilized.
- Park police presence will be bolstered by adding two additional officers during late spring and early summer.
- Ticketing fines are set as:
 - \$1,000 for the first offense.
 - \$1,500 for the second offense.
 - \$3,000 for the third offense.
 - The City reserves the right to seize the equipment.

Park Police Coordinator Gould provided details on the coverage with the additional officers:

- At least one officer will be on duty from Monday through Wednesday nights.
- At least two officers on duty from Thursday through Sunday nights.
- There are currently ten park rangers on the roster that are employed from March 1st through the end of November.

A motion to recommit was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Chair Matheny, Reps. de la Cruz, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

3. [PR31.031](#)

REVIEW; Parking Practices at Scalzi Park.
03/07/24– Submitted by Rep. Moore
04/18/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
05/13/24 – Moved to Pending

**Motion to
recommit
4/0/0**

Park Police Coordinator Gould discussed the challenges of enforcing parking regulations and proposed solutions to the parking issues at Scalzi Park:

- Installing additional signs in various languages.
- Adding more parking spaces.
- Installing gates in the other City parks.

A motion to recommit was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Chair Matheny, Reps. de la Cruz, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

Chair Matheny adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Matheny, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

As a Secondary Committee:

1. PS31.061 REVIEW; Need for more Park Police
01/08/25 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella

2. PS31.049 REVIEW; Park Police Staffing and Park Enforcement
for 2024