

Agenda

Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024

Call to Order

Public Comment

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence - Attached
Robert V - Park Maps

Old Business

New Business

Superintendent's Report - Attached

Division Reports - Attached

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Clerk, Abigail Relkin at awhitmoyer@trumbullvfc.com

Dear Mr Paris,

Happy New year to you and your colleagues in the P&R department!

I read the following in the minutes of the P&R committee meeting of November:

"Park Maps

Question: K. Bellows – Can you talk on the incorrect maps that were mentioned in a past meeting?

Response: D. Paris – This was a project done by an eagle scout. This wasn't something that the town supported, but we are working on GIS mapping of all of the trails."

While happy that an effort is underway, I would like to share the following questions and comments:

- Is the GIS mapping done in field? If so, is this with a dual-frequency or multi-band GPS tracker?
- The Twin Brooks and Great Oak parks already have maps that appear to have been created with single-band GPS. According to the published maps, the P&R department owns that data.
- The United States Geological Survey maps have highly accurate trail routes, and hence is a possible source for data.
- I spoke with the First Selectman in November about trailmaps, and was encouraged to create some. I would do that based on my fieldwork in combination with the USGS maps. I am prepared to present Twin Brooks trails to the Committee in its February meeting, if that is still relevant.

With respect to the last point, I would ask you to provide me with a status update so as to prevent duplication of effort.

Sincerely
Robert Velthuizen

Hi Robert and Happy New Year.

Our next round of mapping has been focused on the interior developed areas of our Main Parks.

Sadly a great deal of our Parks were never mapped at all.

We felt our efforts were best served there as a starting point.

Following that we will be focused on a more interactive map with QR marking and Flashing along the Primary Rail 2 Trail route.

With so many people there now we feel that emergency service responses would be greatly improved when needed.

Also as you know a great many trails intersect through Rails 2 Trail and again guiding aid when needed on those is paramount.

Our last mapping of the trails were done almost 10 years ago and were all walked and mapped with GPS.

Though not perfect, they are a good baseline for most needs.

Our intent is to eventually create documents as we did for Great Oak and Twin Brooks incorporating all of our data.

Speaking on behalf of the Department I would be very interested in seeing the work you are producing.

It may be something that we could coordinate with our own efforts.

All information is ultimately valuable we just need to see how to integrate it in a practical manner.

Let me know your thoughts and we'll keep the lines of communication open

All the best

Dmitri

RECREATION REPORT

January 2024

2023 ended with Extreme Explorers winter break camp. Campers enjoyed trips to local venues, including the movies and ice skating. Due to the weather, we were unable to go snow tubing. Luckily, we were able to do an escape room!

With approximately 750 participants in the various basketball leagues, including our adaptive program, we are happy to be starting the year with an action-packed season. Games for grades 4-12 will start in the middle of the month, meanwhile the younger age groups have settled into a nice Saturday routine.

Roller skating, badminton, yoga, karate, and volleyball have all resumed this winter along with indoor pickleball. Indoor tennis lessons, art strokes, and youth cooking classes also resume in January.

We're busy planning for the summer concert series, various camps, swim lessons, etc. We expect the majority of our 2023 seasonal staff to return, but within the next few months we will start the hiring process for vacant positions.

Other:

- Office closed January 15 and February 19, 2024.
- Leap Day children's concert & craft 10am February 29 @ Indian Ledge Barn

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report December 2023/January 2024

With leaf season having come to a close during the past month, Parks crews have turned their attention to winter projects.

Specific work during the past month includes:

- Consistent maintenance of pool infrastructure.
- Managing minor flooding due to heavy rains.
 - Clearing park catch basins.
 - Removing organic debris clogging park drainage waterways.
- Clearing growth on edges to Upper Woods Estate driveway.
- Pruning apple orchard at Upper Woods Estate.
- Clearing debris from community garden.
- Clearing fallen trees blocking hiking trails in Twin Brooks Park.



Town of Trumbull
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Ranger Division

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Ranger Division December 2023 Report

Commissioners,

This report is a summary of the Ranger Division activities for the December 2023. Rangers took 16 incident reports. Seven of those were for observed dogs off leash. Three at Unity, in which two of those were on the baseball fields, two at Indian Ledge, one of those on the softball field and the other on field 1, both of those the owner did not have a parking permit, one at Twin Brooks and one at Nothnagle, dog was loose in the tennis court. In all these cases the owner was provided verbal education and complied without incident. Three areas of dumping were found. One at Twin Brooks of construction debris, at Beaches wooden furniture was found, and Old Mine where more tires left at the lower pavillion. It is believed that the tires maybe being removed from the dump site. Rangers are conducting more patrols and monitoring the area. Rangers observed metal detecting being done on field 1 and also on a separate day, remote control vehicle operation on field 1. A lock and part of a fence at Indian ledge was found damaged.

There were 20 parking violations issued, 4 written parking warnings and 1 written infraction

Parking Violations by park		Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks	18	04
Old Mine	02	00
Indian Ledge	00	00
Island Brook	00	00
Unity	00	00
Beach	00	00
Nothnagle	00	00
Tashua Knolls	00	00
Rails to Trails	00	00

There were 0 permitted events in December.

On December 19th, the Ranger Division was presented the Sons of the American Revolution, General David Humphreys Branch #1 Flag Award for for the care of several town flags. It's given in recognition of Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America.

Thank you to Ranger Alex for assisting with the Annual tree lighting ceremony on the town green.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger