

Town of Stanford Recreation Commission

July 9, 2025

6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Lauren Osterman, Ginny Gertling, Veronica Bisson, Charlotte Haims, Nicole Clanahan (via phone), Nathan Lavertue (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Mike Denatale, Jess Odell, Lorelei Christensen

Meeting starts at 6:39 PM

Camp Updates

Lauren said camp is moving along well, and they are adjusting to areas that are new to everyone and just finding ways to make everything work smoothly. Lauren said she will likely be working all 4 weeks of camps because there are a lot of backend items that cannot always be handled by just one director. Lauren suggested hiring 2 recreation leaders for the waterfront at the Rec so they can split the hours, so Lauren doesn't have to use her hours at the Rec. Ginny suggested using one of the more experienced lifeguards to fill those couple of days that Sammy cannot work. This would be a budget consideration for next year.

Budget

Nathan said the cost of almost anything is going up, but the budget needs to be in earlier because it is an election year. Lauren said chlorine is up to \$3 a gallon. Lauren pointed out that minimum wage is going up to \$16/hour in 2026 and that lifeguards should be getting paid more because other area lifeguards are getting more, and we need to be able to compete to retain our WSI and lifeguards. These wage increases need to be incorporated into the budget. Lauren suggested increasing the lifeguards to at least .50 cents more than the minimum wage and then awarding an increase for returners.

Ginny suggested trying to open just on the weekends in June before the water opens 7 days a week. Lauren would like to open the weekend of June 19-21. Lauren would like to incorporate a program coordinator into the budget because her and Sara are working around their own schedules to make things work. The Commission agreed that Lauren should put in for everything that she needs and what she wants. Sara suggested if extra funds are needed a membership fee for ongoing programming and then anyone that is not a member would pay a drop in fee for specific events.

Shade Structure

Lauren said the shade structure would be probably \$30-40,000 after all the post hole digging, freight, and materials, and there is \$50,000 from a grant with the Town, but the repairs to the tennis courts will likely have to be used for that as well. Lauren said a lot of people are bringing their own shade for now and that the Highway department will be trimming the lower branches of a tree to create another sitting spot. The extra funds right now would cover 1 big and 2 smaller shades. Discussion of putting an older growth tree would provide quick shade, but there is no guarantee that it will thrive and continue to survive. Lauren said Saratoga Associates are currently in contract for shade structures.

Community Day & Community Wide Scavenger Hunt

Sara and Lauren are going to develop a booth passport for the Rec booth activity. We will also be able to hand out start sign ups for QR for the community wide passports for attractions in Stanford. Sara and Lauren will be working with Kathie Spiers to come up with a list of places to visit. The scavenger hunt can conclude at the Parade of Lights.

Trunk or Treat

October 24, 5:00-6:30 PM. We are going to run a candy drive to encourage people to do a trunk if they get a little help.

Soccer

Millbrook has not responded for playing games yet, but we still need

Other

Veronica motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2025. Ginny seconded. All in favor, Veronica, Charlotte, Lorelei, Ginny. Motion carried.

Next agenda: Parade of Lights, Community Wide Scavenger Hunt ideas

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM