SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
September 9, 2026

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By Michele Urch at 11:09 am, Sep 14, 2026

The Suffield Parks & Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in the first-floor meeting room, Town Hall, 83 Mountain Rd., Suffield, CT. Zoom was also available for those who are unable to attend in person.

ATTENDANCE: .....Brian Casinghino, Chairman
.....Sam Lombardo (Zoom)
.....Andrew Joly
.....Stephen Marchillo (Zoom)
.....Christopher Parker (Zoom)
.....David Rusnock

ABSENT:.....Bill Boucher, Vice Chairman
.....Jackie Guzie
.....Chad Lemmens

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:.....Dan Leonard, Recreation Supervisor
.....Tracetta Caudle, Intern

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Brian asked Dan to read the agenda into the minutes:

A. Call to Order
B. Public Input
C. Review of Minutes
D. Correspondence
E. Program Reports
F. Old Business
   a. Reminder Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 10th
   b. Road Race set up Friday
   c. Road Race Volunteers Saturday
G. New Business
   a. Tracetta Caudle- Springfield College
   b. Golf Tournament Monday, 9/14/26
   c. Update on Bandstand Ceremony- Brian
   d. Basketball Signups
   e. March Mania Tournament
   f. Other
H. Adjournment

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

MINUTES: Andy made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dan acknowledged the Seger Family for their donation of $250 for the Suffield Road Race. This is for the Charles Seger Award given to the 1st place 10K winner. We appreciate this very much.

The commission discussed the involvement of the Seger family in the road race event.

PROGRAM REPORTS: Dan reviewed his report which covered the start of flag football, soccer and preparing equipment. We wrapped up summer programs, and it was a great summer. Many of the staff are return employees and it definitely shows. We had a lot of feedback, and it was good.

Donna's report reviews her summer camps and they were also very good. Bowling Buddies starts next week. She also provides other programs for this group. Along with the Bowling Buddies she has programs for children and adult fitness. She does a lot.

Brian asked about soccer signups as compared to last year. Dan said we are on par with last year.

We have around 135 signed up for the road race so far and we will have more. Dan said that our goal is 300. The commission discussed the date and how all the things going on, on that day, affect it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 10th: The next meeting is Wednesday, October 14. The November meeting lands on Veteran's Day so it was changed to Tuesday, November 10th.

Road Race set up Friday: Dan said the setup starts on Friday around 3:15 p.m. and lasts till around 6:00 p.m. We like to get as much done as possible before Saturday. If anyone can help, it would be appreciated. Chris and Brian said they can help on Friday.

Road Race Volunteers Saturday: Brian asked if Dan wanted a sign-up sheet. Dan said that isn't necessary. The commission members discussed when they can volunteer and Dan reviewed what he needs volunteers for. Dave said the shirts are nice. Dan said we switched it up this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tracetta Candle – Springfield College: Brian welcomed Tracetta to the department. She will be working 540 hours for her internship. Brian asked Tracetta what her major is and she said sports management. She is being tasked with creating her own events. Dan said she was on the podcast this morning and they did some brainstorming. The commission welcomed her to the department.

Golf Tournament Monday 9/14/26: The tournament is on Monday so with the road race it will be a full weekend. Peter, Steve, Andy and Sam and some other members of the town are playing. We appreciate your support. New England Premier Adjusting Company, owned by Tara and Carolyn Eisenberg, are putting on this charity tournament. We appreciate it that they chose Parks & Rec to be the recipient of the proceeds this year. The event will be held at the Suffield Country Club.

Update on Bandstand Ceremony – Brian: The ceremony is scheduled for this Saturday, 9/12. The bandstand has been a fantastic site for the events this summer. We have 2 plaques that will be mounted onto the big boulder next to the bandstand. Brian would like to have some commission members present for the ceremony. The presentation will be short and starts at 1:00 p.m.

The commission discussed the bandstand, activities that are held at it, and the ceremony.

Basketball Signups: Tracetta has been working on a flyer for the signups which will start October 1. The program will run from December through the end of February – early March. We are starting something new

this year called Wednesday Night Main Event for grades 3 – 8. Dan reviewed how the Wednesday Night Main Event will work. The commission discussed the numbers for the different age groups for Parks and Rec and the composition for travel basketball and how it affects our program. The program in general was discussed.

March Mania Tournament: We are going to make it bigger this year. Dan thanked Steve for his help with rules and getting other towns registered. We want to expand the tournament from just Saturday to a weekend long event. We will have a girl's division this year. We have sponsors and Dan will try to grow the program. The date has not been set yet.

Other: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Scheitlin, recording secretary for
Sam Lombardo, Clerk

These minutes are not official until accepted at subsequent meeting.