

**SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
October 14, 2026**

The Suffield Parks & Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 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  
.....Bill Boucher, Vice Chairman  
.....Stephen Marchillo (Zoom)  
.....David Rusnock  
.....Chad Lemmens (Zoom)

ABSENT: .....Sam Lombardo  
.....Jackie Guzie  
.....Andrew Joly  
.....Christopher Parker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: .....Dan Leonard, Recreation Supervisor

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:06 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. Golf Tournament Recap
- G. New Business
  - a. Commission and Volunteers for Suffield Alight & Market
    - 1. 12/11 set up hours TBD for weather
    - 2. 12/12 1-7pm
    - 3. 12/12 7-9pm breakdown
    - 4. 12/13 rain date (same times)
  - b. Youth Parks & Recreation Commission
  - c. Possible New Playground
  - d. Other
- H. Adjournment

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**MINUTES:** Dave made a motion to accept the minutes. Chad seconded the motion. Brian, Steve, Dave and Chris voted yes. Bill abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PROGRAM REPORTS:** Dan reported on the road race. This is the 46<sup>th</sup> year it has been held. The 5K course was new, and the participants were very happy with it. Dan reviewed the comments he received on the new course and that we had very good feedback.

The commission discussed the road race and what was good and what could be improved for next year.

Donna's report covers the Bowling Buddies program which is held on Tuesday night until the end of May. She also covered other programs she has with the Bowling Buddies group, youth activities and adult fitness.

Dan reviewed some of the other programs that were covered in the reports.

Soccer has had a great start with an enrollment of 212 youth in grades kindergarten through grade 6.

For our Saturday programs between flag football, tennis and soccer we have 294 youth participating.

Basketball registration started October 1 and it has gone up. New this year is a Wednesday night program for basketball to try and give the kids the feel of a real game and that will continue until mid-November.

Bill said the box with the lights for the basketball courts at the middle school was damaged and he tried to fix it. Dan said he was notified and contacted DPW. He will check with them again tomorrow.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Reminder Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 10th:** Dan reminded everyone of the change in meeting date. This is due to Veterans' Day being Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Bill asked if Peter had checked to see if we would still be in this meeting room. Dan said he will check with Peter tomorrow.

**Golf Tournament Recap:** The event was held at the Suffield Country Club on September 14. This was to benefit Parks & Recreation, Senior Center and Community Center. The owners of New England Premier Adjusting Company, Scott Terra and Caroline Isenberg, and supporters raised \$10,000. We appreciate the commission members that participated: Sam, Steve, Andy and Chis, and from the department Peter and Mike Cocca (Pam's husband). This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the New England Premier Adjusting Golf Tournament.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Commission and Volunteers for Suffield Alight & Market:** Dan said we are looking for volunteers for the following dates and times. He reviewed some of the tasks that will need to be done. Brian asked that an email be sent so people could sign up and we don't have overlap.

**12/11 set up hours TBD for weather.**

**12/12 1 -7 p.m.**

**12/12 7 – Breakdown.**

**12/13 rain date (same times).**

**Youth Parks & Recreation Commission:** Peter is looking for input from the commission. He is looking for Suffield youth, possibly from student leadership groups at school or other leadership groups in town for this project. This would be launched in the spring or fall. He would like to have the youth come to a few of the commission meetings to give them an idea on how things are done. They would be given a project for the year, and we would help them with this.

Bill asked what the age group would be. Dan said he thought it would be middle school through high school.

The commission discussed what the students could learn, projects they could be involved in and how we would go about this.

**Possible New Playground:** Brian said he was notified that there are some members of the public that are interested in developing a plan for a new playground. He doesn't have a lot of details, but it would be on town property, possibly one of the parks.

He said playgrounds are very important to the town. We need playgrounds for pre-k children. We have supported the playgrounds in the past and we will continue to do so.

**Other:** Brian said that at the bandstand the 2 plaques were mounted on the boulder today. We have the original one and the new one.

The commission discussed the events that have been held at the bandstand and how the new bandstand has enhanced these events.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Scheitlin, recording secretary for  
Sam Lombardo, Clerk

These minutes are not official until accepted at subsequent meeting.