

Town of Stanford Recreation Commission

August 13, 2025

Present: Lauren Osterman, Nicole Clanahan, Ginny Gertling, Jess Odell, Lorelei Christensen, Charlotte Haims, Teddy Secor (Town Board liaison)

Absent: Mike Denatale, Veronica Bisson

Meeting begins at 6:40 PM

Nicole motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 9, 2025. Charlotte seconded. All in favor, Lorelei, Ginny, Nicole, Charlotte. Motion carried.

Summer Summary

Lauren said that camp should break even between costs and registrations. There was discussion about the length of the weeks the camp runs, but Lauren found that 4 weeks would be probably what they would do again next year since the numbers dropped by the end of the 4th week. Lauren said she would need to work camp next year based off the administration situations that arose throughout the summer. The waterfront organization would need to adjusted so the Rec Director does not have to work the waterfront during the summer so the camp could get more attention. Lauren said the supervision levels at camp were great and that worked in our favor, but having 2 director level positions help immensely. Charlotte asked if the land programming is still going on, Lauren said they could probably do one-off events.

The last day of the waterfront will be Thursday, Aug 28, and probably limited hours maybe 12-6 PM.

Community Day

Lauren and Sara will make the passports for the Community Day booth and figure out prizes. Stickers will be given out to the other booths to hand out to the participants. We will also launch the Town-wide passport/scavenger hunt.

Townwide Scavenger Hunt/Passport

Nicole suggested a more social media element to the scavenger hunt. Jess suggested each location leads to the next location.

Borden Factory sign, graveyards (Homan road?, Market Lane, Bulls Head Treasures), Stanford school sign, Buttercup, One room school?, Bangall Post Office, businesses, Trevor Zoo, Wethersfield, Highway department, memorials, 13 hands, Whitlock, Gary

Lovett, Duffy carriage, Bank, Erin Shanley rock, Cold Spring school. Nicole will handle social media bonuses.

Milestones can be added if the list is very long. Making the Parade of Lights the end stop. Potentially adding events as bonus stops.

Recipes 4 Kids Grant

Lauren secured a \$5,000 grant from the County to expand our Recipes 4 Kids programming. It has to be free programming, so the one challenge will be how to make people accountable to showing up. Lauren would like to have the school drop off by the transportation department, but that would need some coordination.

Tennis Court resurfacing & Pickleball nets

Lorelei said the Capital Campaign Committee are looking into getting the tennis court company to resurface it because it is cracking already. Charlotte said the nets at the Pickleball court need attention.

Budget Notes

Lauren will propose new lifeguard salaries based on staying competitive within the area, Pine Plains and Washington are above \$16/hr. First year guard would be \$17.00/hr, returning guards would be \$18/hr, head lifeguard would be \$19/hr and same with WSI if a stipend is possible. It will be a ~\$20,000 increase, but it is needed to stay competitive so these guards do not go to other nearby places. The Commission agreed that the lack of increasing the rates will have an effect on the hiring process, and it would be better to have guards than not. It was suggested a stipend to offset the need to pay the WSI rate for just a head guard when they are not doing the swim lessons, and could be based on the number of swim lessons given.

Calendar of Events

Lauren would like to put together an annual calendar of events and a template of how things are run.

Youth Soccer

Will be open for ages 4-6, and run for 6 weeks, Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25.

Trivia

Suggested Friday, Sept 26 at BangallWorks, Sara will reach out to Steve at BangallWorks and Hudson Valley Trivia

Next Meeting Monday, Sept 8, 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

