

Town of Stanford
Recreation Commission

February 11, 2026
6:30 PM

Present: Lauren Osterman, Ginny Gertling, Mike Denatale, Charlotte Haims, Jess Odell, Roxanne Gomme, Lorelei Christensen

Absent: Veronica Bisson, Nathan Lavertue (Town Board Liaison not re-appointed yet)

Mike motioned to approve the January 14, 2026 meeting minutes. Charlotte seconded. All in favor, Ginny, Mike, Lorelei, Jess, Roxanne, Charlotte. Motion carried.

Lauren would like to see a Chairperson be formally put in place to keep things streamlined. Lauren suggested Ginny and the Commission agreed that Ginny would be a good spokesperson for the group. Mike motioned to appoint Ginny as the Recreation Commission chairperson. Charlotte seconded. All in favor, Ginny, Mike, Lorelei, Jess, Roxanne, Charlotte. Motion carried.

Youth Programming Grant Ideas

Lauren explained that Dutchess County is offering grants for free programming for youth again this year. This is the same one that we were awarded for Recipes 4 Kids. Mike said that Taconic Little League may have some ideas to apply for the award themselves. Sara and Lauren were thinking about starting an afterschool program for middle school students for a fitness / circuit training session and using the grant money to buy equipment and potentially a stipend for an instructor.

Recipes 4 Kids: 3rd-5th grade program update

Our first session was snowed out and then Seymour Smith had a mix up with our makeup date, so our next one will be the end of February. We will run it the 4th Monday of each month through May.

Stanford Rec Field Day: May 30

The Capital Campaign Committee would like to collaborate on this event to fundraise the landscaping component. Sara and Lauren came up with a list of activities including the kick off fun run for ages 2-12. The hope is that businesses will take a station to help keep the event staffed off the list of activities that we come up with. There was discussion on how funds be collected or asked for. Lauren asked Mike if the Taconic Little League games could be coordinated to not overlap too much with the events. Lauren said Peyo's may be

interested in providing food. Lauren will contact businesses who would like a station and what they can provide.

Upcoming Events: Galentine's Day: February 13 @ The Social Club, Maryann William's Card Making Mar 12 @ The Social Club, Easter Egg Hunt Apr 4 @ The Sparc Park

Next meeting: March 11

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM