Town of Stanford

Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026

Present: Mike Denatale, Lorelei Christensen, Roxanne Gomme, Jess Odell, Charlotte Haims, Nathan Lavertue (Town Board Liaison)
Absent: Ginny Gertling, Veronica Bisson

Meeting Begins 6:35 PM

Roxanne motioned to approve the July 8 meeting minutes. Lorelei seconded. All in favor, Mike, Lorelei, Roxanne, Jess, Charlotte. Motion carried.

Summer Updates:
Summer camp is complete and went well. It was full every week with waitlists for each session. The waterfront will remain open until August 30. There was discussion of raising the rates for next summer. There were 185 resident passes and 235 non-resident passes this season. It was decided to keep the rates for 2027 season and look again when minimum wage increases.

Soccer Program:
There will be no soccer program. It has been difficult to find to someone to direct and lead and Pine Plains has recently included "all ages" in their program so we would be competing for the same kids. It is possible that we bring it back in the future. The Commission will focus on unique programming like field hockey and possibly tennis.

Kids Yoga:
Raquel Rubio of Art2BeHuman ran 4 yoga sessions this summer and had 5-8 kids in each session. It was received well by the participants and hopefully we can continue to work with her moving forward.

Capital Campaign Update:
A grant was submitted to make improvements to the walking path, build stairs to the tennis courts, and provide stationary fitness equipment. The results should be known in November.

County Grants:
The Recreation department was awarded a grant in the amount of $5,000 for starting a teen fitness program. The goal is to provide lifetime fitness skills to middle school-high school students after school. We were also awarded $12,000 for the new Eco Explorers program. This program funding will also include educational signs for the park and different topic programs for kids to learn more about nature, environment, and ways to connect outdoors.