

Portland Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Buck-Foreman Building

265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

Present: Commission Members: Karen Agogliati, Kevin Backman, Amanda Lebel, Reagan Fitzgibbons, Deb Rooth

Also: Andy Dionne, Parks and Recreation Director

Absent: Chris Donahue, Amie Leary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Roll Call/Appointment of Alternates

Kevin Backman and Amanda Lebel were seated as alternates. Karen Agogliati made a motion to name Deb Rooth as Acting Chair. Reagan Fitzgibbons seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Agenda

Karen Agogliati made a motion to approve the agenda for the July 14, 2025 regular meeting. Amanda Lebel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Reagan Fitzgibbons made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 9, 2025 regular meeting. Kevin Backman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Park and Field Updates

No action.

6. Seasonal Events

Andy Dionne mentioned the Summer Concerts Series at Riverfront Park taking place on July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th and August 5th and August 12th. All concerts start at 6:30pm.

The “Come on Over” 5K and 2.1 Mile Fitness Walk is taking place at Riverfront Park on September 27, 2025. Pricing was discussed. The registration cost for the 5K will be \$25, the cost for the Fitness Walk will be \$20 and children 18 years and younger can sign up for either event for \$10.

Deb Rooth mentioned that she spoke to folks from the Portland Exchange Club. The Portland Exchange Club may allow Parks and Rec. to host a Color Run at the old Fair Grounds.

7. Parks and Recreation Programs

Deb Rooth mentioned that the Summer Fun Runs are going well. Awards and popsicles will be given to participants at the last week of the Fun Runs scheduled for July 24, 2025.

Andy Dionne mentioned that registration for Summer Quest continues to improve. He thanked the Summer Quest Staff and mentioned that the Base Campers (ages 5-11) attended a Connecticut Sun game on July 9, 2025.

8. Budget and Capital Needs

No action.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Agogliati. Kevin Backman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Dionne

Parks and Recreation Director