



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK
260 SOUTH COMPO ROAD
WESTPORT, CT 06880

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:30pm. It will be held electronically via zoom. Meeting materials will be available on the Meeting List & Calendar page of the Town website westportct.gov, along with the meeting notice.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 826 6694 1907

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2023
2. Public Comment
3. Reports of
 - Golf Advisory Committee
 - Parks Advisory Committee
 - Racquets Advisory Committee
4. To take such action as the meeting may determine related to the proposed smoking/vaping policy.
5. Commissioner's Comments
6. Administrative Report

Parks and Recreation Commission

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**Town of Westport
Parks & Recreation**
WESTPORT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Longshore Club Park, 260 South Compo Road
Westport, CT 06880

May 22, 2023

The Westport Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ 7:31 pm. It was held electronically and recorded via zoom.

Members Present:

David Floyd, Chairman; Elaine Whitney, Alec Stevens, Christine O’Keeffe

Members Absent:

Matthew Haynes

Also Present:

Jennifer Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation; Carmen Roda, Operations Manager; along with members of the public.

1. Approval of minutes: March 15, 2023

Upon a motion by Elaine Whitney to approve the March 15, 2023, minutes as amended seconded by David Floyd. Passed unanimously 4-0

2. Public Comment

Jay Walshon, 67 Roseville Road: Requested Baron South rehabilitation be placed on a Commission agenda to at least begin a discussion.

Robin Tauck, 223 Hillspoint Road: Would like the issue of crabbers at town beaches at night be placed on a Commission agenda for discussion.

3. Reports of:

Golf Advisory Committee: No representative was present. Jennifer Fava reported.

Parks Advisory Committee: David Floyd, Chairman of the PRC, reported.

Racquets Advisory Committee: Lloyd Clareman, RAC member, reported.

4. To take such action as the meeting may determine related to a request for a porta-john to be placed at Old Mill Beach.

Jennifer Fava presented.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL BY THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Recordings of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.westportct.gov/government/appointed-boards-a-z/parks-and-recreation-commission/meeting-agenda-and-minutes>

DRAFT

Public Comment: Public comment was provided related to the porta john.

Upon a motion made by David Floyd and seconded by Christine O’Keeffe, passed unanimously 4-0.

A vote on the proposed porta john to be placed at Old Mill Beach will be held to another meeting.

5. Introduction of proposed smoking/vaping policy. (Discussion only)

Presentations were made by Jennifer Fava and Carmen Roda.

Public Comment: No comments

No action taken by the Commission.

6. Longshore Capital Improvement Plan final report (Discussion only)

Commission Members discussed the final report.

Public Comment: Multiple members of the public made comments.

No action taken by the Commission.

7. Commissioner’s Comments: David Floyd reported.

8. Administrative Report: Jennifer Fava reported.

Upon a motion by David Floyd, seconded by Alec Stevens, and passed unanimously 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully,
Jamie Boone, Recording Secretary

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: June 21, 2023

Agenda Item: #4

To take such action as the meeting may determine related to the proposed smoking/vaping policy.

Background Information:

At the May 17, 2023 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission there was an introduction of the proposed smoking/vaping policy. The focus of this policy is to protect all users of the specified facilities from secondhand smoke, in particular children. As requested, the department followed up with neighboring communities to see how the policy was received.

Back-up Documents:

Memo from Jennifer Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation, RE: Proposed Smoking/Vaping Policy at Various Parks and Recreation Facilities Follow up dated June 14, 2023.

Smoking Information from Surrounding Towns/Cities – April 2023

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of the policy as proposed.


Resolution Format:

The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the smoking/vaping policy as proposed.



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MEMO TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMO FROM: Jennifer Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation 

DATE: June 14, 2023

RE: **Proposed Smoking/Vaping Policy at Various Parks and Recreation Facilities Follow up**

During the May 17, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the following proposed language for a smoking/vaping policy was discussed:

“Consuming, using, smoking, or vaping any cannabis-type substance or tobacco product is prohibited within the boundary of all Town-owned athletic fields, courts, playgrounds, pools, beaches, including but not limited to, concession areas, beach parking lots, and athletic field parking lots. In addition, consuming, using, smoking, or vaping any cannabis-type substance or tobacco product is prohibited within 25 feet of all Town-owned athletic fields, courts, playgrounds, and pools.”

It was requested that staff follow up with some of our fellow communities. Staff spoke with the Fairfield, Darien and Branford staff regarding their experience with their smoking/vaping policies. All reported positive feedback, and stated their policies were well received by their communities. They have rarely needed to address people not following the policy and have received no pushback when they needed to do so.

Based upon this information, it is requested that the proposed policy be approved.

Smoking information from surrounding towns/cities - April 2023

* The term "Smoking" includes, but is not limited to, the act of lighting, smoking or carrying a lighted or smoldering cigarette, cigar, pipe of any kind or the use of electronic nicotine delivery system or electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarrets, e-pipes, e-hookas and e-cigars

| | Allows Smoking | No Smoking | Price of Fine | | Who Enforces | Facilities Include: (No Smoking) | Verbiage |
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| Milford | | X | Cost of Infraction determined by police | Code of Ordinances | Milford Police | Include but not limited to: public playground, park, beach or recreation areas | City of Milford: Code of Ordinances: Section 16-2 (a) subsection (2) - It shall be unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any person to, within the boundaries of any public playground, park, beach or recreational areas within the City: Consume, use or smoke any cannabis-type substances as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 21a-240, or use tobacco products of any kind as defined in Section 10-23 of the Milford Code of Ordinances. |
| Stamford | X | | | | | | |
| Sherwood Island & State Parks | | X | | CT DEEP Policy | Police | Smoking Cannabis/Marijuana is prohibited in all State Parks and Forests. | Smoking tobacco is allowed outdoors in state parks. However, smoking (tobacco) is not allowed within 25 feet of any doorway, window or air intake vent of any facility, building or establishment, therefore smoking (tobacco) is not allowed in outdoor areas that are close to buildings (like the beach pavilions, etc). Smoking Cannabis/Marijuana is prohibited in all State Parks and Forests. |
| Bridgeport | | X | \$99.00 | Rules & Regulations | Bridgeport Police | Includes: Playgrounds, sport fields & beach areas | City of Bridgeport Parks Rules & Regulations - No smoking at playgrounds, sport field & beach areas. Refer to Chapter 12.28 - Park Use Regulations |
| Darien | | X | Citation could be issued, determined by police | Rules & Regulations | Darien Police | Includes: parks & beaches | Town of Darien Parks and Recreation Rules & Regulations - Section 42-R29 - subsection "H": Smoking. No Person shall use, carry or smoke a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe, anytype of e-cigarette or vaporizer, or other smoking material. |
| Fairfield | | X | Citation could be issued, determined by police | Rules & Regulations: built into Town Ordinance | Fairfield Police | Includes: all beaches, including concession areas | Town of Fairfield Rules & Regulations: Section 11 - subsection "c" - Smoking and vaping is prohibited on all Town beaches, including concession areas |
| Greenwich | | X | | Facility Rules | | Includes: pool complex and dog park | Greenwich Parks and Recreation, Greenwich Town Pool at Byram Park General Facility Rules (20) - No smoking within the pool complex Greenwich Parks and Recreation, Greenwich Dog Park Rules - No smoking or food of any kind (human or pet) allowed in the dog park |
| West Haven | | X | Citation could be issued, determined by police | Rules & Regulations | West Haven Police | Includes but not limited to: outdoor recreation facilities, playgrounds, athletic field, beaches, beach parking lots | West Haven Rules & Regulations: To protect and enhance outdoor air quality and contribute to the health and well-being of all residents and visitors to City of West Haven owned or controlled outdoor facilities: Smoking will be prohibited at all City-owned outdoor recreational facilities, including playgrounds, athletic fields, beaches, beach parking lots and parks. In all places that smoking is prohibited, electronic smoking is also prohibited |
| Branford | | X | | Parks & Recreation Policy | Staff enforced | Including but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots and beaches | Branford Parks & Recreation Policy: Smoking is prohibited at all properties under the control of the Branford Recreation Department at all times, including but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots and beaches. Smoking is defined as the use of: cigarettes, pipes, cigars and other devices that produce smoke including electronic cigarettes and water pipes. |