



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, October 16, 2024, at 7:30 pm. It will be held electronically via Zoom. Meeting materials will be available on the Meeting List & Calendar page of the Town website at westportct.gov, along with the meeting notice.

Join Zoom Meeting

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2024
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 relative to a request by the Westport Arts Advisory Committee to place sculptures at Eloise A. Ray Park, Canal Green, and Grace K. Salmon Park.
5. Longshore Capital Improvement Plan Project Update
6. Commissioner's Comments
7. Administrative Report

David Floyd, Chairman
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

September 25, 2024

The Westport Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 7:30 pm. It was held electronically and recorded via Zoom.

Members Present:

David Floyd, Chairman; Elaine Whitney, Christine O’Keeffe, Gery Grove, Ronald Clarke

Members Absent:

None.

Also Present:

Rick Giunta, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; Michael West, Park Superintendent, Carmen Roda, Operations Manager; Velma Heller, Chair of the Parks Advisory Committee; Ed Picard, Member of Westport Tree Board; along with members of the public.

1. Approval of minutes:**June 12, 2024**

Upon a motion by Elaine Whitney to approve the June 12, 2024, minutes, seconded by Christine O’Keeffe. Passes 3-0-2, Gery Grove and Ronald Clarke abstained as they were not members of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the June 12, 2024, meeting.

2. Public Comment

Multiple members of the public made comments.

3. Reports of:

Golf Advisory Committee: No representative was present. Rick Giunta reported.

Parks Advisory Committee: Velma Heller reported.

Racquets Advisory Committee: No representative was present, David Floyd reported.

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

4. **To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to introducing a Tree Identification Program in Westport Parks.**

Ed Picard presented.

Public Comment: Multiple members of the public made comments.

Upon a motion made by Elaine Whitney and seconded by Ronald Clarke, passed unanimously 5-0.

RESOLVED: The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the Westport Tree Board's request to introduce a tree identification program in the Westport Parks as discussed at the meeting of September 18, 2024, said program is to be administered and funded by the Westport Tree Board.

4. **Commissioner's Comments:** David Floyd and Elaine Whitney commented.
5. **Administrative Report:** Rick Giunta and Carmen Roda reported.

Upon a motion by Ronald Clarke, seconded by Gery Grove, and passed unanimously 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully,
Jamie Boone, Recording Secretary

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

Agenda Item: #4

To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request by the Westport Arts Advisory Committee to place sculptures at Eloise A. Ray Park, Canal Green, and Grace K. Salmon Park.

Background Information:

The Westport Arts Advisory Committee previously installed a sculpture at Pasacreta Park with the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The WAAC is now requesting the installation of three new sculptures, one at Eloise A. Ray Park, one at Canal Green, and one at Grace K. Salmon Park.

Back-up Documents:

Public Sculpture Proposals Presentation from the Westport Arts Advisory Committee

Staff Recommendation:

Staff has reviewed the sculptures and requested locations and supports the installation.

Resolution Format:

The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed installation of sculptures at Eloise A. Ray Park, Canal Green, as well as at Grace K. Salmon Park.



Parks Advisory Committees

October 9, 2024 Meeting

Public Sculpture Proposals

ELOISE A. RAY PARK

CANAL GREEN

GRACE K. SALMON PARK

Westport CT

**Westport Arts Advisory
Committee (WAAC)**



Proposal Park 1: Eloise A. Ray Park

ENSO BLACK 2022 by Marc Zaref



Eloise A. Ray Park



ADDRESS:
Riverside Ave. & Lincoln St.
Westport, CT 06880

Small open green area

Open Sunrise to Sunset

Features:

- Riverside benches
- Open Green Area
- Limited Parking



Enso Sculpture Series

- Currently installed at Canyon Ranch, Lenox, MA

By shaping, forging and welding metal, Enso sculptures explore the traditional creation of the mark in an entirely different medium.

Like ink and brush, fluid and often whimsical strokes and elements capture expression, fluidity and movement.

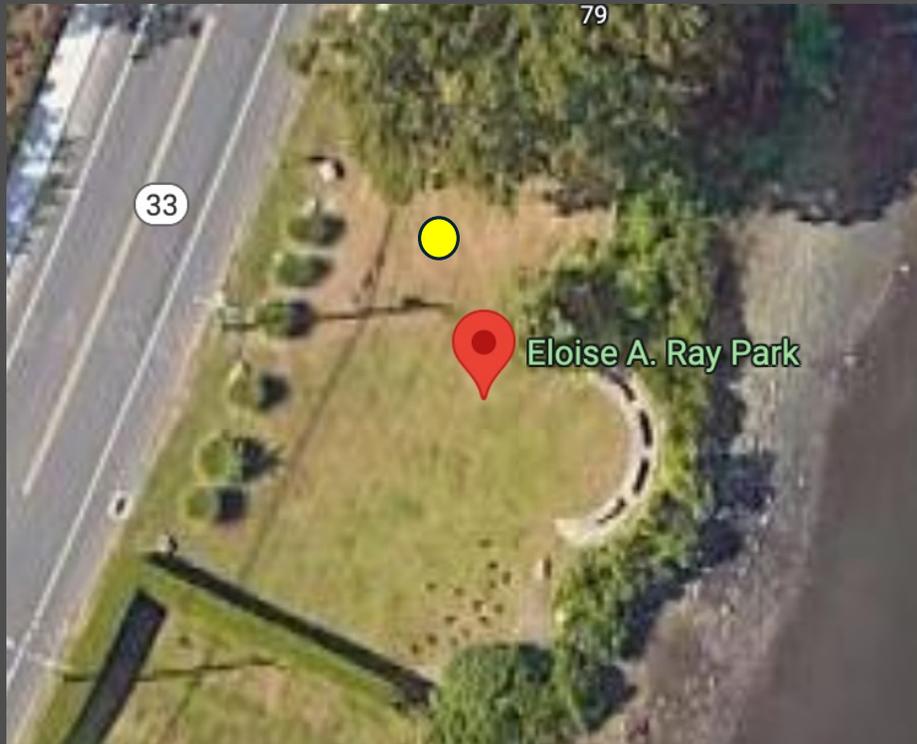


Babette Block Egrets

Proposal

Park 2: Canal Green





ENSO BLACK, 2022

Welded steel, enamel
96 H x 78 D x 30 in W.

Without convenient parking options, the park is often visited by pedestrians. However, a sculpture that feels right in the space can enhance the experience of those in vehicles as well as on foot.

Egrets

- **Babette Bloch** is a pioneer in the use of laser-cut and water-jet stainless steel to create evocative works of art, ranging in scale from tabletop to monumental.
- Part of Bloch's **Reflecting Nature Series**, in celebration of the joyous lyricism of birds at rest and in movement.
- Actively interacts with the landscape; the surface of the textured metal reflects the surrounding colors, changing with the play of daylight and dance of the clouds.
- Her floral and wildlife sculptures are on view in museums and private collections in the United States and Europe



More Art for Canal Green



Canal Green



ADDRESS:
[Kings Highway N. & Canal St.](#)
[Westport, CT 06880](#)

Medium Open Green Area

Open Sunrise to Sunset

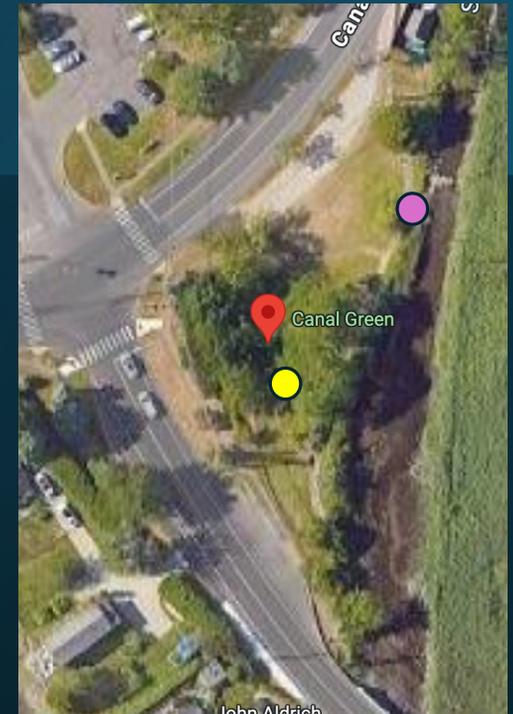
Features:

- Picnic Tables
- Benches along canal that flows into the Saugatuck River
- Gardens



Bloch, Egrets
Stainless Steel, 7 1/2' high

UR:
Christopher Ray, *Seagull*





Emily Teall, Tulip Bulb (2019, steel)

Park 3:
Grace K. Salmon Park



Tulip Bulb (2019)

Steel

8' high x 6' diameter

- Draws on natural imagery of bulbs and wombs to evoke a gestation period in which the sitter can grow through introspection and reflection.
- Intricately perforated, subtly painted metal walls facilitate interactions with the outside even as the sitter remains protected.
- Provides a semi-permeable space that encourages participants to look inwards yet retain the expectation of re-emergence into the community.



Prior Installations

- Downtown Stamford (2019-2020)
- Norwalk Art Space (2000-present)

Grace K. Salmon Park



ADDRESS:
[Imperial Ave. & Baker Ave.](#)
[Westport, CT 06880](#)



Open Sunrise to Sunset

Features:

- Riverside views of the Saugatuck River
- Benches and sitting area
- Gardens
- Shoreline Public Access
- Small Parking Area

