



TOWN OF MONROE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2026 TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

- Chairman Jonathan Stone
- Vice Chairperson Dawn Barbierri
- Secretary Daniel Keene
- Commissioner DeeDee Martin
- Commissioner Samantha McGoldrick
- Commissioner Pat Tomchik
- Commissioner Robert Primorac

- **Absent:**
- Commissioner Mary Matera
- Commissioner Tim O'Donnell

ALSO PRESENT: Missy Orosz, Director Parks and Recreation

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. and led with Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approve Minutes

Motion: (P. Tomchik)

To Approve Minutes held on April 6, 2026

Second: (D. Martin)

MOTION PASSED 6-0-3

III. Public Participation

A. Jon Quinlavin 689 Elm Street Monroe, CT. 06468

Jon, stopped in at the meeting to offer a BIG thank you to **Missy** and her staff for all the help that was given with the programming that we offer. Boy Scout Troop 203 have been doing the water tests at Masuk Pool for several years with **Missy**, and now with **Chris Fracker** to get ready for camp.

B. Todd Heffelfinger 36 Hawthorne Drive Monroe, CT. 06468

Here to check on his picnic status for approval.

C. Barbara Thomas 3 Wheeler Road Monroe, CT. 06468

The Conservation Commission is applying for a CT DEEP grant to address invasive plants. Depleted tree canopies helping the barberry and bittersweet vines to takeover more and more. There's potential to add some additional trees and under shrubs. Assuming deer can get under control too. Barberry bushes are a

tick and mouse habitat. The grant time frame is set at the end of the year. Letter of interest has been submitted with the town grant writer Rosemary Riber and the application should be available in June. Barbara will come back to the June meeting and give an update. .

V. Directors Reports

- A. Community Center is still being worked on.
- B. Summer Fun Days still has a some opening for grades PreK4 -fifth grade program.
- C. Tweens Adventure Program has all eight sessions filled. Waitlist option only available.
- D. Potential pool concession vendor is being discussed.
- E. Position is still available for the seasonal Pool/Lake Manager.
- F. We have attained a new water testing company for Great Hollow Lake bathrooms.
- G. Character nights are all set for summer months. Some new characters will make their debut.
- H. Arts in the Park Concert Series agreements have been approved by Town Council.
- I. Bathrooms at the pool side of the park were shut down temporarily due to septic issues.
- J. New patio/ sidewalks in front of the pool area entrance are being redone through LoCIP Funds. (Local Capital Improvement Program in Connecticut) Thank you First Selectman **Terrence P. Rooney**. DPW Deputy Director **William Phillips** for leading the way.
- K. All weather boxes are being installed, to put AED 's in at the park. To get access you will need to call 911 and get a code from the Monroe Police Department dispatch.
- L. Park Ambassadors have started working in the park as of April 24, 2026

VI. New Business

A. Picnic Approval

Motion: (S. McGoldrick)

To approve current picnics request 2026

Second: (D. Barbieri)

MOTION PASSED 7-0-2

B. Donation Approval

Motion: (S. McGoldrick)

To approve sponsorship donations for Community Events in Wolfe Park 2026 that have been received so far- Rural Fuels \$700.00, & Aquarion Water \$750.00

Second: (D. Barbieri)

MOTION PASSED 7-0-2

C. Donation Approval

Motion: (D. Martin)

To Approve Two Bench Donations: Christo Family \$2700.00 & Aviz Family \$2700.00

Second: (J. Stone)

MOTION PASSED 7-0-2

D. Donation Approval

Motion: (S. McGoldrick)

To Approve Arbor Day Tree Donation by Courville Nurseries valued at \$425.00

Second: (P. Tomchik)

MOTION PASSED 7-0-2

E. Motion for Exemption Permit Arts in the Park

Motion: (S. McGoldrick)

To Approve Alcohol Exemption for Arts in the Park Series 2026 - Including Potential Inclement Weather Make-Up Dates 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31, & 8/7

Second: (D. Martin)

MOTION PASSED 7-0-2

F. Motion to Approve Field Assessment Funds

Motion: (D. Martin)

To Approve Using Funds from The Field Assessment Account to Purchase Replacement Field Bases on some baseball fields in the amount of \$1500.00

Second: (S. McGoldrick)

MOTION PASSED 7-0-2

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Rails to Trails: Rails to Trails construction project will continue throughout the summer.
- B. Commission Members are continuing visiting business for further sponsorships.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Note-June 1st Meeting is at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by **Daniel Keene**

Typed by **Stacey Cossuto** P&R Administrator