

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday, May 1st 2025
AACCCC Room 104

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Matt Talbert, Vice Chairperson John Campobasso (late arrival at 7:40pm), Commissioner Joe Falcone, Commissioner Thomas Dunn, Alternate Commissioner Antonio Galvao

Also Present: James Martorano Jr, Superintendent of Recreation, Marissa Lieto, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation

Absent: Commissioner Diego Jaramillo, Commissioner Christine Dunn, Commissioner Patrick Cumiskey, Town Board Liaison Luciana Haughwout

Chairperson Talbert calls the meeting to Order at 7:01PM.

Approval of Minutes for the March 6th and April 3rd Meetings: Commissioner Thomas Dunn makes a motion to approve the April 3rd Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Joe Falcone seconds the motion. Chairperson Talbert, Commissioner Joe Falcone, Commissioner Thomas Dunn, and Alternate Commissioner Antonio Galvao vote in favor of the motion. Motion passes.

YAC Lacrosse Presentation: Nick Serio

Nick Serio distributes diagrams to the Commission.

Nick Serio presents a 30ftx60ft turf agility space at the Legacy Field. YAC would fundraise for the funds to create the space.

Request also includes YAC keeping an air-tight shipping container on site to store any equipment.

The space would be utilized as a training area while the main field is being used. Fitness equipment would be stored and those qualified could request access code for use. The equipment would be mostly for YAC use.

Chairperson Talbert requests the storage container be painted in order to keep the aesthetics of the park.

Chairperson Talbert and the Commission agree to vote in the June meeting. Nick Serio can continue conversations with Superintendent Martorano.

Sensory Garden Update:

Superintendent Martorano provides an update on the Sensory Garden. There is a resolution for Joe Riina to create plans for the project. He is waiting on those reports.

Senior Advisory:

Joe Falcone provides information in regards to the upcoming Senior Advisory Board meeting on Friday May 16th.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Martorano provides an update in regards to the following:

- Finishing up the Hunterbrook parking lot project

- Rebuilt Junior Lake pool check-in booth using the leftover skate park underlayment
- New signs at Sparkle Lake
- 4 out of 5 new doors installed at the Sparkle Lake service building. Garage and gutters getting repainted
- Knotweed project: knotweed has been cut down, tarped and soil placed on top.
- Spill Prevention Report: an engineering firm has been hired to compile the report. Once complete it will be sent to the Department of Health.
- Coping/Siding bid has been pushed back one week due to difficulties getting pricing from steel companies.
- Will need to prepare an RFQ for the Sparkle Lake Dam, which is about 3-4 years late on the dam reports.
- Cleared a blockage from the Junior Lake dam
- Playground replacement for Blackberry Woods is ordered with an expected delivery of late June.
- Pickleball courts are close to the original timeline of open of Memorial Day. There have been multiple weather delays in progress. Lights have been ordered by Hanover Electric but will not be installed by the court opening.

Superintendent Martorano informs the Commission he is working on 2 grant proposals:

- One grant proposal is for Sparkle Lake Playground replacement. The park is currently closed due to an unsafe bridge connection. Parts have been ordered to make it safe to open.
- One grant proposal is for the Route 202 ballfields ADA accessibility and drainage.

Superintendent Martorano informs the Commission that the Junior Lake playground, Railroad Park playground, Deer Hollow playground and Willow Park playgrounds are all in need of repairs and possible replacements. Current average is one playground replacement every 2 years.

Superintendent Martorano updates the Commission on the pool membership information.

Membership registration begins Monday, May 5th. Members will require new ID cards with any changes to membership types. The pool openings have switched for the 2025 season, with the Shrub Oak pool opening Memorial Day, followed by Junior Lake on the following weekend to allow extra time for Junior Lake chlorine tank replacement to be completed. Shrub Oak will close early to allow more time for the coping/siding project and Junior Lake will remain open until Labor Day.

Assistant Superintendent Lieto provides a brief update on the camps. Increase in counselor pay rates has helped in the staff hiring process, allowing all the day camp waitlists to be admitted. Travel Camp has transitioned to coach bussing only, allowing more campers than previous years to be included and 10 additional campers were pulled from the waitlist.

Superintendent Martorano informs the Commission of Turf Tank, a robotic field lining machine that YYSC purchased to help make field lining more efficient. YYSC owns the machine and YPR provides the paint.

Chair's Report: N/A

Liaison's Report:

YAC, Tom Regan:

Tom Regan inquires about the roller rink, which Chairperson Talbert states will be discussed in New Business.

New Business:

Shrub Oak Roller Hockey Rink:

Chairperson Talbert informs the Commission that they are looking into options to revitalize the roller hockey rink. Have previously looked into turf blocks which would need to be removed, numbered and stored to then be put back together in the correct way the following season. Another option is a dome to allow year round turf in a public/private partnership.

Old Business:

Vice Chairperson Campobasso inquires about Hunterbrook. Superintendent Martorano provides brief update.

Fam Jam: May 10th

Fishing Derby: May 10th

Rochambeau Fest:

Half Day camp location: Resolution for the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with St. Patrick's Church for this year's half day camp location.

YAC informs Superintendent Martorano that they did not receive emails in regards to summer rentals. Superintendent Martorano states to check the admin email used and he will double check with James Torre.

Vice Chairperson Campobasso makes a motion to close at 7:53pm.