

Yorktown Recreation Commission
Thursday, August 7th 2025
Town Hall Board Room

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Matt Talbert, Vice Chairperson John Campobasso, Commissioner Thomas Dunn, Commissioner Patrick Cumiskey, Alternate Commissioner Antonio Galvao

Also Present: Marissa Lieto Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Town Board Liaison Luciana Haughwout, Kim Hughes Senior Office Assistant Recreation

Absent: Commissioner Joe Falcone, Commissioner Diego Jaramillo
Commissioner Christine Dunn

Chairperson Talbert calls the meeting to Order at 7:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes for the June 5th Meeting:

Chairperson Matt Talbert makes a motion to approve the Minutes of June 5th 2025. Commissioner Tom Dunn seconds the motion. All Commissioners present vote in favor. Motion Passes.

Sparkle Lake Service Building:

Has been renamed Sparkle Lake Clubhouse.

AMS Presentation: Ryan Sutherland

Mr. Sutherland presented a resort style living community for age 55 and older called Silver Woods. This proposed 4 story rental development to be located on Route 6 is estimated to have 180 units. Mr. Sutherland spoke of recreation amenities to include walking trails, tennis and pickleball courts, putting greens, fire tables, a pool and lounge area. All of this will be maintained by Silver Woods. It is estimated for produce over a million dollars in taxes with no impact on the local schools. In return for this state-of-the-art living development and recreational amenities, they do not believe a Recreation Fee is due based on the current Town Code, but is willing to work with the Town on a fee acknowledging that it may not be zero.

Town Board Liaison Haughwout states that regardless of it being a 55+ community, there will be visitors and grandchildren that will utilize Town facilities and parks and does not agree that a discount is appropriate.

Sensory Garden: Commissioner Tom Dunn

Commissioner Dunn shares information from a recent meeting with members of the Sensory Garden Committee and PE Joe Riina of Site Design Consultants. Mr. Riina shared a few different designs for the project. Unfortunately, Commissioner Dunn feels as though one member of the committee is being unreasonable and is extremely hard to work with. Commissioner Dunn states he is concerned that it is a waste of time. Town Board Liaison Haughwout questions if an Elected Town Official leading a project with an employee is an ethics issue.

Public Comment:

Denise Hoffman to advocate for pickleball leagues. Ms. Hoffman read a letter from a non-resident pickleball player who would like a spot held for advanced level players from 8:30 am – 11:30 am on Tuesdays. Lynn Withers stated that all levels of play are covered by the Town with the exception of the highest level. Commissioner Pat Cumiskey states that he is against holding the courts, and they should be open to the public. Chairperson Matt Talbert suggest a vote on the topic at the next meeting.

Liaison's Report: Councilwoman Luciana Haughwout

Would like to bring flag football for youth to YAC and SOAC.

Superintendent's Report:

- Camp is complete and the walk through went well.
- The program improved overall.
- The only children left on a waitlist was from Travel Camp, and without additional funds in the budget for more buses and park tickets that will remain.
- Revenue goal was met for camp.
- Shrub Oak Pool to close on 8/17/2025.
- Discounted pool passes in effect.
- Revenue for pools were exceeded.
- An organization called Hilltop would like to collect native plant seeds from our parks, Turkey Mountain and Sylvan Glenn to study.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Chair person Matt Talbert states that the Lacrosse Club True Ballers of Westchester has changed its name to True Lacrosse. The Commission needs to establish proof of Yorktown Residence to determine the proper field rental fee.

Motion to close at 9:23 pm.