Canaan Recreation Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2026
5:00 PM - Canaan Town Office

Members Present: Mike Daley, Raelene Begin, Al Buckly, Paul Lyons, April Busfield and Norm Flanagan (in at 5:24).

Public Present: none

1. **Open Meeting**
    a. The September 10, 2026 Rec Park Committee meeting was called to order by Raelene Begin at 5:08 pm.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the August 11, 2026 meeting**
    a. On a motion made by Mike Daley, seconded by Al Buckley, to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2026, vote 5-0, motion passes.
3. **Discussion/Action Items:**
    a. **Nomination for Chairperson**
        i. On a motion made by Mike Daley, seconded by Al Buckley, to nominate Paul Lyons to Chairperson, vote 5-0, motion passes.
    b. **Vern's Retirement**
        i. Committee expressed gratitude for the many years Vern has spent serving the community through the Rec Park Committee. Discussions were held on thanking him for his service.
    c. **Next Year's Summer Event**
        i. A discussion was held on continuing to explore options for the community event next summer.
        ii. A muster for the local fire departments was given consideration and will be followed up on.
        iii. The continuation of using the same weekend in July was decided and the go ahead given to work on securing the stage for that weekend.
    d. **Murder Mystery Dinner**
        i. Confirmation that members are still willing to help CNC with this event. More information will follow as it becomes available from CNC.
    e. **Review Camping Fundraiser**
        i. This camping weekend brought in approx $800. With expenses rising, discussion was held that longer term options need to be explored. With a necessary raise in rate, or different plans for porta potties.
    f. **Porta Potty Update**
        i. A cost analysis needs to be conducted after full invoicing is complete, to determine the best course of action for the future.
    g. **Splash Pad**
        i. Strainers need to be ordered to replace the broken ones.
        ii. On a motion made by Mike Daley, seconded by April Busfield, to approve spending up to $500 to get replacement strainers, vote 6-0, motion passes.
    h. **Budget Review**
        i. A budget review was conducted.
    i. **Other Business**
        i. Committee should expect a new member, Zackery Wallace soon.

ii. Mike brought forward an offer from Jeff and Mary Jackson, to donate funds for transforming 1 tennis court into two pickleball courts. On a motion made by April Busfield, seconded by Raelene Begin, to approve moving forward with the generous offer for donation from Jeff and Mary Jackson for repairs and upgrades for a pickleball court, vote 6-0, motion passes.
iii. A discussion was hard regarding what it would take to look into a high quality camera system at the park; discussion was had on looking for grants that could aid with this project.
iv. A discussion was had on needing to figure out how the speed bumps will be installed.
v. A discussion was had on finishing the repairs to the hydrant that broke down by the soccer fields.

j. Sign Warrants

i. Warrants were signed: AP 17-26: $353.26; AP 18-26: $450.62

4. Next Meeting Date

a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026 at 5:00pm.

5. Adjourn Meeting

a. On a motion made by Mike Daley, seconded by Al Buckley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08, vote 6-0, motion passes.