

CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2025

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the October 6, 2025, Rec Park Committee meeting at 5:05 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Norman Flanagan, Paul Lyons, April Busfield, and Zachary Brown. Britni Haley joined the meeting by phone to discuss the concert.
- II. Approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, meeting – On a motion by April and seconded by Norman, the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- III. Concert – Diana shared an email she received from Britni regarding the possibility of hosting our community concert in the recreation park, to coincide with the 250th anniversary celebration, with the Community Builders Hub as co-sponsors. The proposed dates were July 17th or 18th, 2026. After some discussion, the group decided on Saturday, July 18th, 2026, with the event scheduled from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Catamount Stage will be booked for the event. Diana will also reach out to The Shifters to check their availability and request a quote for their performance. She will look into potential grants that could help fund the event. Further planning and discussion will take place at the next Rec Park meeting on November 10th.
- IV. Projects/equipment – Vern is currently working on installing the merry-go-round. Once this installation is done, Diana will contact Amey to schedule a delivery of the playground chips. The members present approved Zach to order a Harry Hopper Fun Bounce toy for installation in the park. Norman will purchase a hydrant repair kit to attempt to fix the leak issue. This will be tried before any digging is considered. The group approved the purchase of a new message board, as well as basketball and pickleball nets. There was some discussion regarding the electricity on the existing pedestal, paving part of the entrance to the park, as well as the potential installation of speed bumps in the park. Further discussion will take place at the next scheduled meeting
- V. Work on budgets – The group worked on the 2026 Rec Park Budget. A meeting will be scheduled to finalize the budget after the last payroll of 2025.
- VI. Other business – Britni asked Diana to share her thanks with the committee for the gift card for helping with the Firefighters Appreciation Day event. She said it was a surprise and much appreciated. Diana was also very grateful for her gift card. A Use of Facilities form was received from the Canaan Naturally Connected group requesting the Recreation Park for their Trunk or Treat event on October 26th, from 2 pm to 3 pm. The request was reviewed and approved by everyone present, and Vern signed the form. Diana will check with Tim Gray to see if he would be interested in supervising park maintenance during the summer of 2026 with two students, contingent on the availability of grant funding. Diana shared a photo she took in another park and suggested that it might be a good idea to paint something similar—or simply the wording 'Canaan Recreation Park'—on the kickboard of the dugout. After some discussion, Diana will consult with the art teacher at Canaan School to determine if this is a project they would be interested in undertaking.
- VII. Sign Warrants – Warrants were signed: AP 19-25 \$198.60 and AP 20-25 \$2320.94.
- VIII. Adjourn Meeting – the October 6, 2025, rec park meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.