TOWN OF BERLIN

Parks and Recreation Commission 230 Kensington Road • Berlin, CT 06037

Thursday, November 14, 2024 6:00 p.m. 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037 MEETING

Join Zoom meeting

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Meeting Agenda

- 1. Audience of Citizens
- 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 10, 2024
- 3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Request approval and acceptance of changes made to Fee Schedule to go into effect in 2025.
 - b. Request acceptance of the 2025 and January 2026 meeting dates of the Parks and Recreation Commission as presented.
- 4. Feasibility Update
- 5. Parks & Grounds
 - a. Monthly Report
 - b. Little People's Playground
 - c. Percival Field
 - d. Willard Playground
 - e. Steele Center @ Farmington Avenue
 - f. Sage Park Property Transfer
- 6. Parks and Recreation
 - a. Monthly Report
- 7. Adjournment

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Thursday, October 10, 2024 6:00 p.m. 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037 MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

Park and Recreation Commissioners Present via Zoom: Donna Bovee- Chairwoman, Don Dellaquila, Tony Butrimas (left at 6:10), Christine Vale da Serra (left at 6:40), Lucas VanZandt

Staff Present:

Jen Ochoa, Director of Community, Recreation and Park Services Debbie Dennis, Superintendent of Recreation Steve Wood, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds

Chairwoman Donna Bovee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

1. Audience of Citizens

- a. Faith Asal, Lumibility KidSteps, it is based out of Westbrook, CT. They include 50 towns, including Berlin. The program consists of 7 teams of therapists. Her team provides non-profit services to Berlin, New Britain, and Newington. Would like to host sessions in the Community Center on Wednesdays and ask for no usage fee. They are servicing well over 100 families between the towns.
- b. Mark Holmes, 146 Wildermere Road, Berlin, CT, wants to donate a sign in honor of Tyler Cop by the T Cop Foundation. Would like to place it at the Berlin High School Basketball Courts. The sign is valued at \$195.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. July 18, 2024

Commissioner Vale da Serra moved to accept July 18, 2024 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Chairwoman Bovee.

Those voting in favor: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Vale da Serra

Those abstained: Commissioner Dellaquila, Commissioner VanZandt

Vote being: 2-0-2 (MOTION CARRIED)

b. August 15, 2024

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to accept August 15, 2024 meeting minutes with the addition of Commissioner Vale da Serra in attendance.

Seconded by Commissioner VanZandt.

Those voting in favor: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Dellaquila, Commissioner Vale da Serra, Commissioner VanZandt

Vote being: 4-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

c. September 16, 2024

Commissioner Vale da Serra moved to accept September 16, 2024 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Chairwoman VanZandt.

Those voting in favor: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Vale da Serra, Commissioner

VanZandt

Those abstained: Commissioner Dellaquila Vote being: 3-0-1 (MOTION CARRIED)

3. Consent Agenda

a. Request by Faith Asal of Lumibility – KidSteps to have Berlin Community Center rental fees, the cost of \$30 per meeting waived for their meetings.

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to accept consent agenda item a.

Seconded by Commissioner VanZandt.

Those voting in favor: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Dellaquila, Commissioner

Vale da Serra, Commissioner VanZandt

Vote being: 4-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

b. Request approval of donation of a 36" X 48" metal sign, valued at \$195 to be placed on the fence at the Berlin High School Basketball Courts in honor of Tyler Cop by the T Cop Foundation.

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to accept consent agenda item b.

Seconded by Commissioner Vale da Serra.

Those voting in favor: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Dellaquila, Commissioner

Vale da Serra, Commissioner VanZandt

Vote being: 4-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

Jen Ochoa discussed the previous dedication of the Berlin High School Basketball Courts to Tyler Cop. It was discussed by the Board of Education, they considered it up to the Park and Recreations decision because it is town property. Chairwoman Bovee discussed the guidance policy they created to give guidance for individuals who are seeking to make dedications.

4. Parks & Grounds

- a. Monthly Report, Steve Wood, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds, wants to thank the Pool staff for their countless hours working to get the pool up and running again after the incident with the glass in the pool. There were only two small pieces found in the entire pool and nothing was located broken around the pool to have caused it. Chairwoman Bovee wanted to give kudos to Park and Recreation staff for handling it well. They have borrowed Rocky Hill's mower to mow our fields all summer long. The Little People's playground fencing went in, it is slated to have a base built by October 21st, to be paved on October 28th. The equipment will be installed next Monday. Everything is looking good for November 15th.
- b. Percival Soccer Field Update, Steve Wood, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds, has been communicating with their contactors about the specific areas staying wet on the field. It has been improving and has borrowed the local golf courses equipment.
- c. Feasibility Study Update for Demore, Dinda, Bittner Jr. Memorial Pool Complex, Steve Wood, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds, they have a rough draft. The Council is asking them to attend their meeting with a presentation on the project.
- d. Hubbard School YMCA Location, Steve Wood, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds, discussed the YMCA being leased in Hubbard School. They need to have access to the playground, outside time. They have to relocate it due to where the Chiller's are being needed for the building. They are hoping to fit it in the confines of the current playground they have. The school suggested going from a 6-base swing to a 4-base swing. The Grounds Department is not having a cost and won't do the work on it. The swing set will be adjusted and create

more of a usage because it will increase mobility access as well. Commissioner Dellaquila wanted to thank Steve Wood for helping supply bleachers to the Berlin Fair.

5. Parks and Recreation

- a. Monthly Report, Debbie Dennis, Superintendent of Recreation, was approached about being reimbursed doing training at the American Red Cross. She recommends if the Commission wants her to reimburse for the training there needs to be a budget set. The cost is \$325 per person. Commissioner Dellaquila suggested budgeting to cover for 5 people. This would potentially lower barriers to hiring summer lifeguards. They encouraged adding it as \$1500 as a line item. The Commissioners offered to attend Town Council Meeting in support of the line item.
- b. Summer Wrap Up, Jen Ochoa, Director of Community, Recreation and Park Services, noted the fee schedule line item there will be a correction made. They have these documents in advance for the next meeting to review. Debbie Dennis, Superintendent of Recreation, wanted to note the refund policy. She would like the maximum amount of refund to increase from \$50 to \$100. There were multiple cancellations with camp over the summer that encouraged the change. This is just a departmental policy adjustment.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Dellaquila moved adjourn Seconded by Commissioner VanZandt. Those voting in favor: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Dellaquila, Commissioner VanZandt Vote being: 3-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

Submitted by, Tiffany Trowbridge-Bernard

RECEIVED FOR RECORD BERLIN TOWN CLERK

10/21/2024, 1:31:36 PM

2025 TOWN OF BERLIN FEE SCHEDULE - EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL NOTE: STATE STATUTE & REGIONAL HEALTH FEES MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME

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Debbie Dennis 249	Parks & Recreation					
250	Halloween Event, per child	5.00	5.00			
251						
252	Youth Athletic Leagues and Teams					
253	Baskelball – Winter 3 rd -8th Grade Basketball, Boys & Girls	95.00	95.00		100.00	
254	Including \$10 Late Fee after deadline if spots are available in 3 rd -8 th grade winter basketball.	105.00	105.00	0	110.00	
255	Including additional \$10 fee for any registrations accepted after evaluations if space is available.	110.00	110.00		120.00	
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257	Winter - Resident Men's 31 yrs. Plus Basketball - season	85.00	85.00		00.06	
258		105.00	105.00		110.00	
259	Winter - Resident Women's 30 plus Recreation Volleyball - season	00.09	00.09		65.00	
260	Winter - Non-Resident Women's 30 plus Recreation Volleyball - season	80.00	80.00		85.00	
261	*Special Revenue Programs will be available to residents and non-residents with residents having priority for registration. Non-residents will be charged a higher registration fee than residents. An administrative fee and 3% of gross program revenue is applied and transferred to the general fund from the Special Revenue account for all programs, 5% of gross program. vary by program.	und Il be charged a higher pplied and retained in	registration fee than the Special Revenue	residents. An a	idministrative fee and l	3% of gross program re set separately and
	Summer Program	95.00 per week	95.00 per week	F	100.00 per week	
	Sunmer Program - any 4 day week	80.00 per week	80 00 ner week		85 00 ner week	
263	Summer Program - any 3 day week	65.00 per week	65.00 per week		70.00 per week	
264	Junior Counselors Fee for Summer Program	65.00 per week	65.00 ner week	_	70 00 ner week	
265					Washington and and	
266	Room Rentals- Berlin Community Center (Whole day rental is charged after 4 hours)					ı
267	Multi-Purp. Room- Whole Day- In Town Profit or Non-Profit	80.00	80.00			
268	Multi-Purp. Room, Half Day, up to 4 hours In Town, Profit or Non-Profit	50.00	50.00	L		
269	Multi-Purp. Room, Whole Day, Out of Town Profit or Non-Profit	100.00	100.00	0		
270	Multi-Purp. Room, Half Day, up to 4 hours Out of Town Profit or Non- Profit	00.09	00.09	L		
271	Meeting Room In Town Whole Day Profit or Non-Profit	30.00	30.00			
272	Meeting Room In Town Half Day up to 4 hours, Profit or Non-Profit	25.00	25.00			
273	Meeting Room Out of Town, Whole Day, Profit & Non-Profit	40.00	40.00			
274		30.00	30.00			
275	Berlin Community Center			L		
276	Birthday Parties will be charged existing room rental rate and a refundable deposit of \$50.					
	Local Youth Sports Teams - End of the Year Parties will be charged existing room Rental and a refundable deposit of \$50.			L		
277						
278	Supervision/custodial costs will be added for all after hours use.	ter hours use.]]		
279	All Berlin Non-Profit Organizations will be charged unless an exemption waiver is filled out and approved by the Town Manager acting on behalf of the Town Council.	oved by the Town M	nager acting on beha	alf of the Town	Council.	

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280	OUTDOOR POOLS				
281	Season Pass - Household	85.00	85.00		
282	Season Pass - Individual	55,00	55.00		
283	Replacement Tag	1.00	1.00	2.00	RECEIVED BY THE PERSON NAMED IN
284	Senior (60+) Season Pass - Individual	30.00	30.00		
282	Daily Passes				
286	Adult Resident	10.00	10.00		
287	Child/Senior (60+), Resident	5.00	5.00		
288	Adult Non-Resident	20.00	20.00		
289	Child/Senior (60 +), Non-Resident	10.00	10.00		
780					
291	SWim 1 cam each participant is given a swim pass (residents only). Resident first/second child	130/110	130/110	135/115	
292	Suim Tom Man Dacidate race child	140.00	140.00		
	Hipman Tenin Consolution	166 00 10	140.00	145.00	
293	Circguard Halling Course	155.00 Kes	155.00 Res	091	
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295	Pavilions Timberlin/Sage				
296	Pavilions Local	00.06	00.06	100 00	Secretarion of the second seco
297	Pavilions Non-Local	140.00	140.00	150.00	
298	Deposit for Pavilion - Refundable	00.06	00.06	00000	
299	Equipment if requested/Retainer and refundable	55.00	55.00		
300					
301	Field Light Fees (New Fee Structure effective in 2021)				
302	All fields, per hour local	50.00	50.00		
303	All fields, per hour, non-local/For-profit	65.00	65.00		
304					
302	Scalise Pootball Field/Biscoglio Field, Sage Park Field/Biscoglio Field Rates				
300	Non hearly of profit groups renting Scalise Field or Biscoglio Field are required to pay all Supervision/Grounds out-of-pocket costs. Scalise Field must be rented at least 3 hour minimum.	. Scalise Field must be rent	ed at least 3 hour mir	nimum.	
308	Orduna Kates (minimum of 3 hours) Foodilities dates (minimum of 3 hours) (modilities dates (minimum of 3 hours)	\$65/hour	\$65/hour	\$70/hour	
309	A defined states (minimum or 5 hours) (worting change, customat to retiffee)	\$65/nour	\$65/hour	\$70/hour	
310	Non local/lior Profit	monice	\$33/hour	\$40/nour	
311	Local/Full Day (8 hours+)	000100	340/hour	00,000	
312	Non local/For Profit/Full Dav (8 hours+)	480.00	480.00	740.00	
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314	Usage Depasit				
315	Concession Local	105.00	105.00		
316	Concession Non-Local/For Profit	210.00	210.00		
317	Facility/Stadium Local	105.00	105.00		
318	Facility/Stadium Non-Local/For Profit	210.00	210.00		
319					
320	FHELD RENTALS (Grass Fields)				
3		sion/Grounds out-of-pocket	costs. Per the Field	Facility Use Policy,	Group 1 & Group 2 are
322	exempt from field lees, 10 be billed as a Local Team, the team/league must have 75% of their roster(s) made up of Berlin residents, verified by Field/Facility Use Policy, Section 1B.	dents, verified by Field/Fac	ility Use Policy, Sect	ion IB.	
323	Incel	#30 A	1000		
324	Non-local/For Profit	\$20/nour \$75/hour	\$20/hour	\$25/hour	
325	Local/Full Day (8 hours+)	120.00	120.00	00 051	
326	Non-local/For Profit/Full Day (8 hours+)	450.00	450.00	00,001	
327	All fields deposits:	2000	2000		
328	Local	105 00	105.00		
329	Non Local/For Profit	120 00	120.00		
330	Penalty for violation of Open Space Ordinance 4-97, per offense	50.00	00.02		
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331	BHS & McGee Basketball and Tennis Courts – Local	25.00		25.00		
332	BHS & McGee Basketball & Tennis Courts Non-Local	35.00	12	35 00		
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334	Lights Per Hour, Local	60.00		00 09		
335	Lights Per Hour, Non-local/For Profit	75.00		75.00		
336						
337	PISTOL CREEK					
338	Room Rentals/Grounds (Note: Whole Day Rental is charged after 4 hours).					
339	Multi-purpose Rooms/Grounds - Whole Day, In-Town, Profit or Non-Profit	100.00		100.00		
340	Multi-purpose Rooms/Grounds - Half Day, In-Town, Profit or Non-Profit	75.00		75.00		
341	Multi-purpose Rooms/Grounds - Whole Day, Out-of-Town, Profit or Non-Profit	200.00		200.00		
342	Multi-purpose Rooms/Grounds - Half Day, Out-of-Town, Profit or Non-Profit	150.00		150.00		
343	Outside Deck - Hourly Rate	30,00/hr		30.00/hr		
344	Damage Deposit Required of All Groups	90.00		90.00		
345	Local Youth Sports Teams End of Year Parties will be charged existing room rental rates and a refundable deposit of \$90.00					
346	Field/Facility use key deposit	50.00		50.00		
347	All Supervision and Custodial costs will be paid out-of-pocket.					
348	Fee Waiver exemptions must be completed in advance and approved by the Town Manager acting on behalf of the Town Council,				Ī	
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rownwide Refund Policy: Except where departments institute more restrictive policies, there will be a townwide refund processing fee of 10% of the original fee paid. The minimum processing fee will be \$5.00 and the maximum fee will be \$50.00. This fee will not apply if related to a Program that has been canceled by the Town, in a situation in which the fee was charged in error by the Town or in the case of tax refunds.

No refunds will be provided in instances where the Town has purchased goods or services and those goods or services cannot be refunded. Individual departments of the Town may institute more

Refunds provided in accordance with the townwide policy listed above, and with all necessary approvals of any commission with responsibility over impacted department, shall not require approval of the restrictive refund policies provided those policies are communicated to users at the time of purchase.

Per Sec. 3-31(b) of the Town Charter, "an owner reclaiming an impounded animal shall pay a fee, as determined by the town council and listed in the town fee schedule, for impoundment, plus any advertising costs, plus board for each day the animal is impounded, plus veterinary costs incurred by the town." The Berlin Animal Control Officer shall have the authority to waive the fees listed in Sec. 3. 31(b) of the Town Charter with the approval of the Town Manager. Town Council or Board of Finance.

ADOPTED BY THE BERLIN TOWN COUNCIL February X, 2025

FIELD FEES COMPARISION

	GRASS FIELD	GRASS FIELD	TURF FIELD	TURF FIELD	LIGHTS
TOWN	LOCAL	NON-LOCAL	LOCAL	NON-LOCAL	
Cromwell	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	NO TURF FIELD	NO TURE FIELD	
Local Fee is determined if 67% residents	if 67% residents				
Newington	\$90/game or practice	\$180/game or practice	\$365/game or practice	\$730/game or practice	
Local Fee is determined if 90% residents	if 90% residents				\$35/hour
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Rocky Hill	\$25/hour	\$100/hour	\$50/hour	\$100/hour	
Local Fee is determined if 67% residents	if 67% residents				
New Britain	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	\$75/hour	\$150/hour	
Local Fee is determined if 75% residents	if 75% residents				
Wethersfield	\$25/use	\$150/use	\$100/hour	\$200/hour	
Local fee is determined by 67% residents	by 67% residents			500	
BERLIN	\$25/hollr	\$75/hour	\$40 /ho		\$50/hour local
-		DOI! COA	\$40/nour	\$80/hour	\$65/hour non-local
Local Fee is determined if 75% residents	if 75% residents			*	



TOWN OF BERLIN, CONNECTICUT PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

TO:

Town Clerk

FROM:

Berlin Park and Recreation Commission

DATE:

November 17, 2024

SUBJECT:

Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates for 2025

The Berlin Parks and Recreations Commission will be meeting the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the Board of Education, unless otherwise noted. Following are the specific dates for meetings:

1/09/2025	9/18/2025*
2/13/2025	10/09/2025
3/13/2025	11/13/2025
4/10/2025	12/11/2025
5/08/2025	1/08/2026
6/12/2025	
7/10/2025	

^{*}The September meeting will be the third Thursday.

The 2025 meeting schedule was approved at the 11/14/2024 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

Jennifer Ochoa

Director of Community, Recreation and Park Services



Town of Berlin

Parks and Grounds 15 Town Farm Lane - Berlin CT Office 860-828-7025 Fax 860-828-7124 E-mail swood@berlinct.gov

Steven T. Wood Superintendent Parks and Grounds

Parks and Grounds October report

News:

- Assisted and helped out with brushfire
- o Installed concrete pads and benches
- o Cleaned up and blocked off the parking area at Spruce Brook Road
- o Removed lips and sodded Dennehy Field
- Cutout and edge all baseball and softball fields
- o Rocky Hill borrowed four light towers for an event

Daily

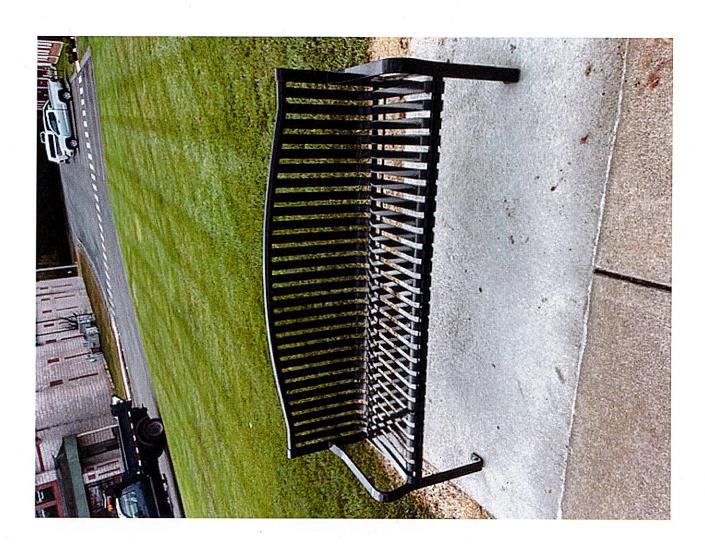
- o Leaves
- o Mow all Town properties
- o Groom and line fields
- Water and deadhead flowers

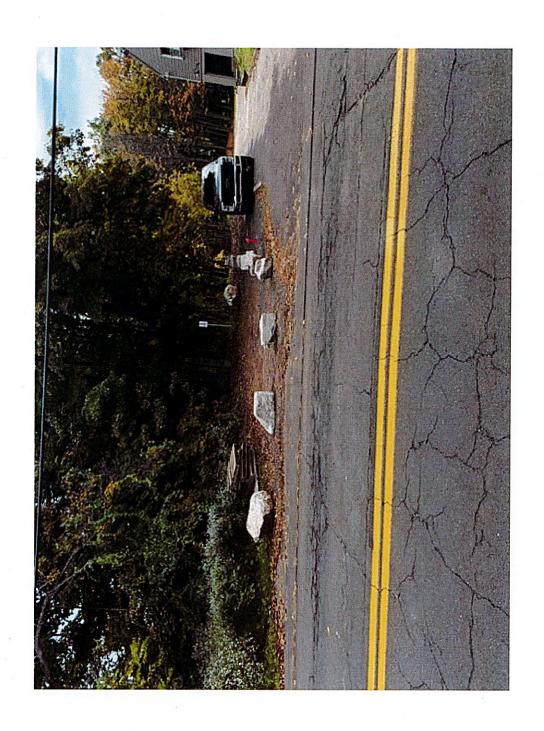
Weekly

- o Paint athletic lines
- o Garbage & litter
- Wash and clean trucks
- Inspected and serviced irrigation
- Service mowers and equipment

Miscellaneous

- o Cut down trees Steel Boulevard
- o Fall cleanup of small parks
- Start bringing in garbage barrels
- OSHA Training







Subject:

Berlin Steel Boulevard Park, March 12, 2024 Meeting Notes

Sent:

3/20/2024, 10:49:12 AM

From:

Kevin R. Grindle<kgrindle@bartonandloguidice.com>

To:

James Mahoney; Brandon Handfield; Chris Edge

Attachments: 20240312 STEELE CENTER PARK Redline Site Walk Comments.pdf

All,

Please see the following notes (and plan redline) from the Tuesday March 12th site visit, please add any items that you feel that I missed:

Attendees:

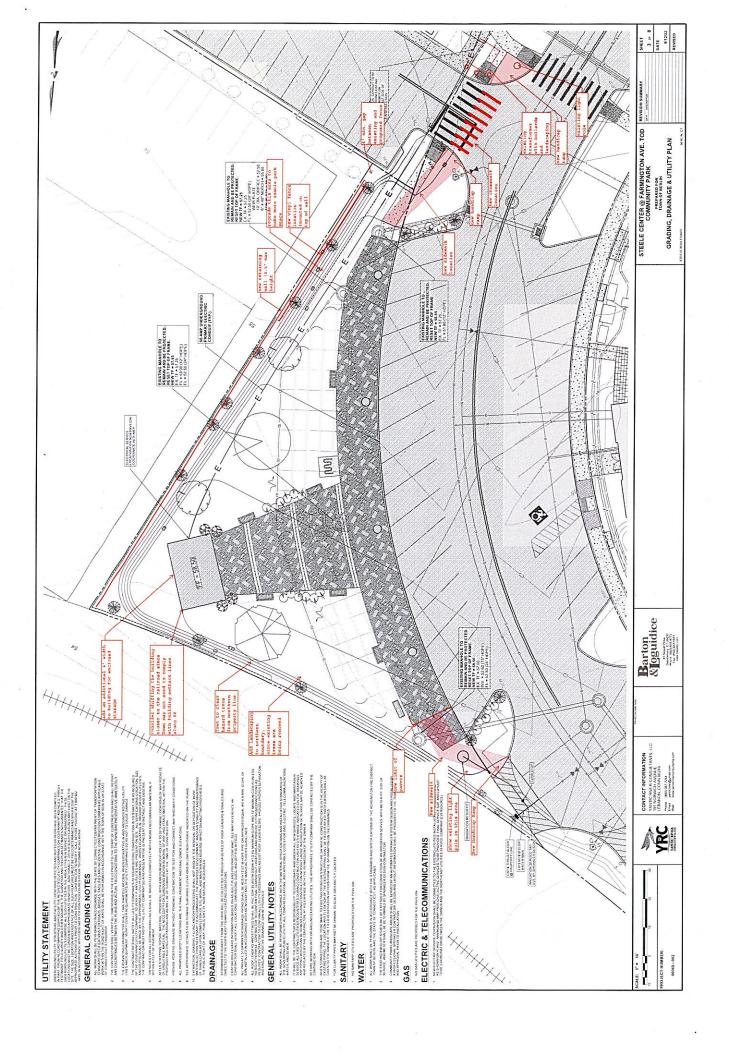
- Kevin Grindle
- · Brandon Handfield
- Chris Edge
- Mike Ahern
- Toby (I believe from Parks and Rec.?)
- Maureen Giusti
- Alexa Gorlick

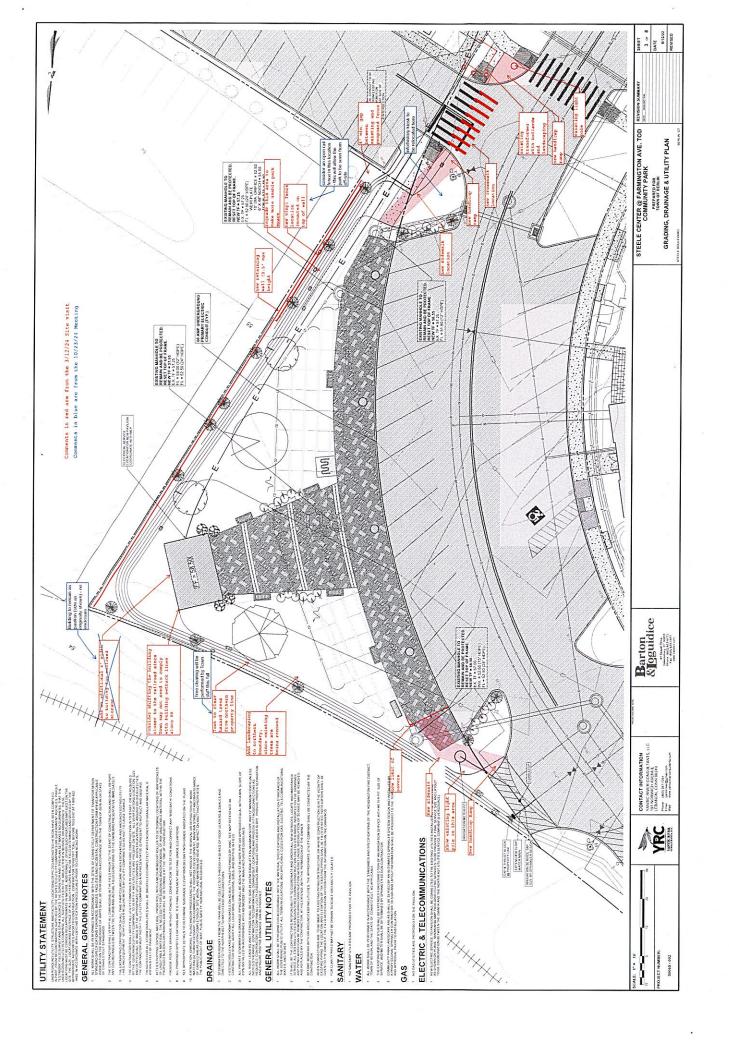
Construction Status

- Work on the improvements at #55 Steele have not begun
- Material stockpiles on the park site have not been removed
- The current park project's schedule will stay unchanged
 - Bid fall 2024
 - o Award fall/winter 24/25
 - Notice to Proceed Spring 2025

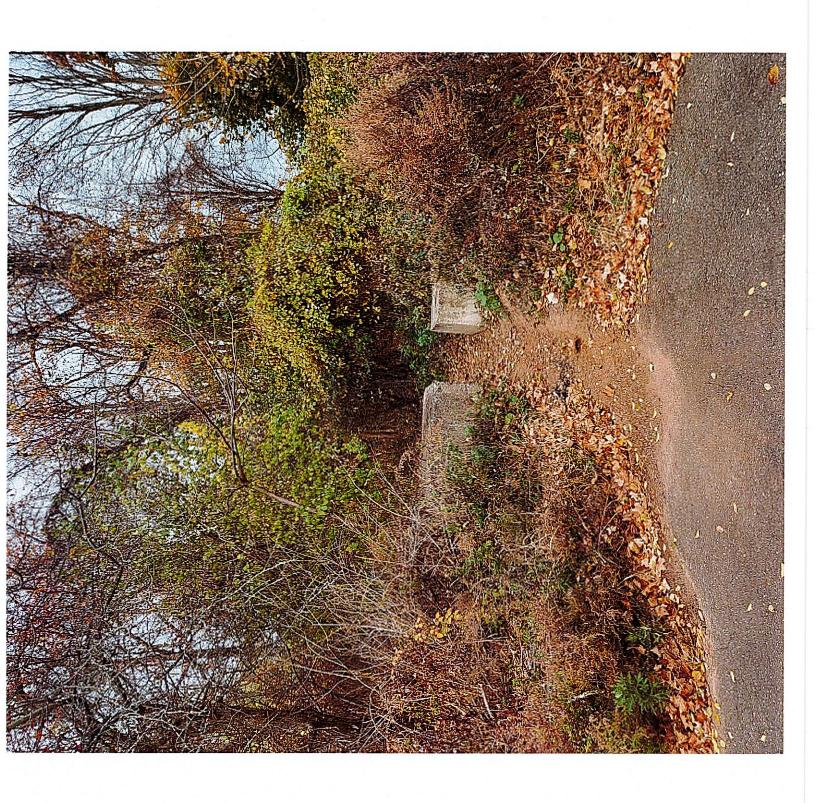
Plan/Design Revisions – Per attached site plan redlines

- HC ramp from #10 Steele will be reconfigured due to existing elec. transformer location conflicting with HC ramp design location
- Park's elec. service will extend underground from the transformer at #10 Steele
- Relocate historic markerboard/kiosk from northern end of the park to southern end. Verify with Jim that this is acceptable
- Northern limit of decorative pavers will be adjusted south by one parking space to allow for room to extend a HC accessible sidewalk from the park to the hammerhead adjacent to #55 Steele.
- An existing light pole at north end of the park is not shown on the survey, this will be added to the plan
- The town will undertake tree clearing on the north end of the park adjacent to the railroad, a majority of these trees are deceased or dying and need to be removed for safety reasons
- Extend the vinyl fence along the eastern side of the site down to the existing vinyl fence adjacent to the existing parking lot, a 4' gap between this proposed fence and the existing fence for access, will be discussed by the team
- An articulated block retaining wall will be added to the project along the eastern property line.
 - This wall will be no more than 3.5' high and will allow the park grading to be revised to allow for more usable area within the park.
 - The vinyl fence in this area will be installed on top of the wall
- Draft plans and updated cost estimates will be sent around to the team for review.
- Consider increasing the building size by four feet to provide an enclosed space for storage of park supplies/materials
- Eliminate the building setback requirement from the railroad property and adjust the building location to be closer to the RR property. This will provide additional park/patio space in front of the building.











Town of Berlin Parks and Recreation Department

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Debra S. Dennis, CPRP Superintendent of Recreation

Parks and Recreation monthly report for November

- 1. Winter basketball evaluations and the draft will be Saturday, November 16. Numbers are ok for boys and girls, estimated number of teams for each group Boys 3&4 5 teams, Boys 5&6 6 teams, Boys 7&8 2 teams, Girls 3&4 4 teams, Girls 5&6 2 teams. There are 182 currently registered and we will continue to register for divisions that have openings. Most staff are returning but I will hopefully be hiring several referees. We have advertised for positions and interviews will be held in November but haven't gotten many applications so far.
- The Scarecrow contest was held, with scarecrows on display as you drive into the Arthur B Powers Municipal complex. We had 13 scarecrows entered. Voting took place at Town Hall, the Peck Memorial Library, the Community Center and the Senior Center. Over 700 votes were counted. Berlin's Best Scarecrow was announced on Halloween.
 - Our Trunk or Treat event was held on Saturday, October 26 at the Community Center. We had 59 kids registered and 17 trunks decorated. It was a great night and people were very happy and appreciative.
- 3. Working on the Tinsel Fun Run. Race will be held at Berlin High School on Saturday, December 7. So far we have 30 signed up.
- 4. Hoping to have registration starting mid to late November/early December for our winter programs. Information will be available on the Town website, Facebook page and Board of Education website.
 - New programs We are offering a couple full day programs during winter break and a K-2 instructional basketball program for 8 weeks starting in January.
- 5. We will have Visit w/Santa again this year at the Berlin Community Center on December 2 and 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. Each will get a treat, lollipop and gift. Berlin youth in preschool through 2nd grade are welcome to meet with Santa. We will also collect donations for the Food Pantry.

We will also hold our Holiday House decorating contest again in December. Judging will be the week of December 16 with winners announced on December 23.

Debbie