

Recreation Commission Meeting - March 17, 2026

Present:

Emily Almonti

Danielle Patterson

Scout Metzler

Susan Tipograph

Pat Mittnight-Metzler

Stuart Raab

Ayannah Meyson

The meeting was called to order at 5:02.

The meeting began with Peg from the CAC giving us information about the Trees for Tribes project. 7 ft. erosion over last few years. Trees may have to be moved because of bad soil and lack of water. Tubes can come off this spring and Peg brought up the idea of people adopting an area to take care of as it has worked well in the past. We agreed those who could make it would meet at Shatford park on **Saturday, March 28 at 10:30am** at the green garage near bathrooms to have Peg show us around and instruct us on trimming trees.

Danielle updated us on the ongoing projects in the park. Roof and floor of pavilion will be completed before summer camp begins by Mike and Charlie. Emily offered the help/expertise of her husband as well. This brought up the question of liability/insurance for volunteers when they are professionals. Also discussed the importance of accepting volunteer help even when plans are already in place. (ie. as a professional roofer Emily's husband could be a huge asset to the pavilion roof project even though Mike and Charlie have already been tasked with it).

We discussed projects awaiting completion by the Recreation Commission. Painting of park bathrooms must wait until water is restored to the park, estimated for the end of March/Beginning of April. Outside of tennis court bathrooms will be power washed and painted. Danielle will let us know when the paint comes in so we can make a date to complete.

Community center bathroom is ready to be painted, supplies are on site and Susan volunteered to take on this project.

Butterfly pollinator garden can be completed in increments while working around the mowing schedule. Specifics on how to do this will be discussed at a later date.

Wondered about who could take the tree cover tubes; Pat will contact someone to ask if they are interested.

Briefly discussed skate park work days open to community volunteers. Dates and times for this are **Friday, 3/27 at 2pm and Saturday, 3/28 at 9am.**

Discussion was raised again about distinction between the events committee and the recreation commission as well as how we might legally raise money or hold events in the future. We agreed to put events on hold for now and focus on our maintenance volunteering etc. Town laws state that the recreation commission is allowed to hold events but Stuart suggested the laws may need to be revisited as this was written before the committee was split in two. We also need to submit a budget to the town for our commission by the end of the year.

We agreed our next meeting would be **Tuesday, April 21st at 5:00pm**

There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ayannah Meyson