

New Haven Board of Park Commissioners

Meeting No. 1489

ZOOM Conference

August 21, 2024 – SPECIAL MEETING

Present: Commissioners Kenya Adams, Carl Babb, Harvey Feinberg, Honda Smith, Hector Torres

Absent: President David Belowsky and Emily Sigman

Staff: Deputy Director Stephen Hladun, Tariq Dasent, Rebecca Bombero, Giovanni Zinn

I. Golf Course Fee Schedule 2025 and 2026 – Rebecca Bombero

- The operator proposed two years of the fee schedule and would like to review mid-year to remain competitive.
- The daily rates will change to mirror closely with the nearest competition.
- Adding back in the twilight rate which went away during construction.
- The greens fee and cart fees are such that it will incentivize people to walk.
- The increases are steeper on the golf carts, and this will help with getting better carts in the future.
- Juniors under 12 will be free, veterans, first responders, and Juniors 13-17 will match the senior prices.
- Introduces the rate for the simulators which will be added to the new Pro shops and will help activate the golf course year-round. (simulators are digital golf similar to a video game).
- The season pass is adjusted – the price increased and the break-even point on a season pass is halfway through the season versus now which is sometimes in April.
- Added restriction on availability. Giving season pass holders discounts on simulators.
- Updating deposit fee for leagues.
- The Golf Course Advisory Board further amended the proposal so there is an infrastructure surcharge that is not part of the profit sharing that gets applied to everybody. It is currently a dollar, and the goal is to move it to two dollars which will help invest in new carts and start a fund to make other upgrades at the course.
- There is concern with increasing the fee for seniors however cost drivers are such that it is hitting everyone.

Motion to approve the price adjustments of the Allen Memorial Golf Course. Motion Seconded. Unanimously approved.

II. Edgewood Skate Park Renovation Final Design Approval – Giovanni Zinn

There were two public meetings with the community to bring about much-anticipated improvements. A grant from the state of Connecticut will be used to make improvements at Edgewood Park. These improvements will cost \$250,000. City Engineer Giovanni Zinn presented the designs of the skate park and with approval can start construction in the fall. **Motion to approve plan presented by Giovanni Zinn. Motion Seconded. Unanimously approved.**

I. 180 Park Road Directional Sign – Stephen Hladun

Request to install a new directional sign to give a clearer picture of what is housed on the campus in addition to the Rose Garden and provide direction to where you can access the Summit parking lot. The current sign is at 180 Park Road as you enter the main public entrance of the complex.

Commissioner Honda Smith believes a directional sign should also be installed at the top of the summit entrance. The sign will be paid for through the general fund. **Motion to accept the presentation of the signage. Motion Seconded. Unanimously approved.**

IV. The next regular meeting will be held September 18, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned 6:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Tariq Dasent, Executive Administrative Assistant of Public Works

Next Meeting: September 18, 2024

Location: 720 Edgewood Ave, New Haven, CT 06515