

November 9, 2020

Fm: Park Ranger

To: Board of Selectman

Cc: Parks & Rec. Commission, Public Works, Finance, Resident Trooper

Re: Parks Report

Patrolling of Parks & Checking for Compliance

Seven patrols were conducted at the following parks: Matthies Park, Riverbend, Toby's Pond and Pent Road; totaling eighty-three miles.

Matthies Park

The Ansonia Steel Fabrication Company, located on Pines Bridge Road, recently refurbished (pro bono), the metal sign that mounts into one of the stone pillars, located at the main entrance. The sign was sandblasted, re-powder coated and letters gold leafed; Steve Moffat, Jeff Kean and I completed the installation on Thursday 11/05/20.

As part of my patrol, I randomly verify residency of visitors to the park and find that approximately ten to thirty percent are non-residents. If they are in the parking lot, I asked them to leave, if they are already in the park, I inform them about the "Resident's Only" rule. I don't have the capability to check out the license plates to verify residency and I would be inundating our police department with what would be numerous phone calls. We need to create a documented procedure which describes proof of residency sticker/permit; a process which includes the purchase price, enforcement and other controls to assure compliance with the existing posted park rules and then put it into an ordinance. Ref. my notes on the other side of my report for details.

Riverbend Park

No compliance issues with fisherman possessing a current fishing license and required Trout/Salmon stamps. A portion of the language of the park waterways rules signage relating to activities on the Naugatuck River to be modified to reflect the towns authority on its property but not on the river. This was based on my recent conversation with the DEEP Law Enforcement Division; an ordinance should also be created noting the park rules. I will submit the revision to the P&R Commission for approval and then proceed to have a new sign fabricated.

Toby's Pond

New Message Center to be installed next to pavilion; park rules, trail information, etc. to be posted. "No Parking" sign installed in front of pavilion to preclude visitors from blocking entry. Received a call from a P&R Commission member regarding an individual operating a motorized inflatable. I unlocked the gate leading to the fire road and drove down to end of the pond to speak to the individual. I informed him of the park rules and asked him to remove the watercraft from the pond which he proceeded to do. I also verified that he had a PFD on board and a valid fishing license. No compliance issues with fisherman possessing a current fishing license.

Park Maintenance Program

Waiting on Conservation Commission to populate Lantern Ridge PM schedule.

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Parking Sticker/Permit for Town Residents

Topics for Discussion

- 1) Will the sticker/permit be used only for Matthies Park?
- 2) Is there a fee incurred?
- 3) Fee for lost sticker/permit?
- 4) Who will issue the sticker/permit ? (Town Clerk)?
- 5) Will the number of stickers/permits be predicated on the number of vehicles registered?
- 6) Will the issuance of the sticker/permit be predicated on being non-delinquent on taxes/current motor vehicle registration?
- 7) Annual renewal or permanent?
- 8) Will the current year be printed on the sticker if issued annually?
- 9) Will the mounting of the sticker/permit require a specific location and how its affixed? e.g. Permanently affixed to the driver's side of the windshield?
- 10) Serialized stickers to control distribution?
- 11) What will be the enforcement process and penalty for violation(s)? Warnings, fines, towing, etc.?
- 12) What logo/information do we want on the sticker/permit?
- 13) Peel off, color or B/W?

<https://www.bridgeportct.gov/content/341307/341415/342197.aspx>

<https://www.trumbull-ct.gov/359/Vehicle-Parking-PermitsPark-Stickers>

<https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/tax-collector/pages/resident-parking-stickers>

https://oxfordct.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=15136