

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2026
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:Jim Duffield (Chair), Glenn Johnson, Donna Clark, Chris Smalley, Bill Burley, and Chris Swiss. Jeremy Burr was absent.

2.Secretary Report: Glenn made a motion to approve the February 23, 2026 Special Meeting minutes, Bill seconded the motion and it passed with Chris Smalley abstaining.

3.Visitors: There were no visitors.

4.Bills, Applications and Communications:

Applications

1.HKRec, Sheldon tennis courts, 4/21-5/26, kids tennis, 4:30pm-6:30pm
6/4-7/9, adult tennis, 5pm-7pm

2.HKRec, Rocco courts, Pickleball clinic, 4/6,10,13,17,20,24,27 5/1, 9:30am-11:30am
4/2-4/30 and 5/7-5/28, 6pm-7pm

***Chris Smalley made a motion to approve the HK Recreation applications, noting that approved are 2 out of 4 pickleball courts. Chris Swiss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

3. Breakers, Sheldon, baseball and softball, 4/1-7/31

4. HKLL, Sheldon, 4/1-7/31

Jim outlined a meeting with the Breakers regarding billing for field use, spring 2025. Jim will reevaluate the bill due to an error and resubmit.

***Chris Smalley made a motion to approve the Breakers and HKLL applications with the Breakers giving deference to HKLL for fields and provided their financial obligations are resolved. Glenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Bills

1.Clean Restrooms: \$111.00 Rocco
\$225.00 Sheldon
\$315.00 Auer

2. Sweitzer: \$177.02 Sheldon
\$119.90 Rocco
\$177.02 Auer
\$67.20 Bethke

***Chris Smalley made a motion to approve the bills, Chris Swiss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

5.Treasurer's Report: Chris Swiss presented, \$58,828.00 of \$128,490.00 or 46% spent.

6.Old Business

-Jim will recalculate the cost for the Breakers

- Rocco, the fence between the courts and the transfer station has been fixed, the town crew will plant grass in the area
- Bethke, discussed sink holes and turning over the field and spraying for weeds, will reach out to Chris, town crew.
- Commission park walk, tbd
- South Field project: discussed financials and logistics of well for irrigation, new well versus using the existing unit for all fields. There's concern that using the existing for all will over tax, Jim will ask for Ethan Drain's opinion. Glenn is finding it difficult to line up a contractor.
- AEDs at parks need permanent power hookup.

7.New Business

Chris Swiss presented a Commission member meeting with the Town board regarding MYCIP, prioritizing the current list with the Sheldon playground at the top. Discussed potential restrooms at Sheldon, new restrooms and storage at Auer. Discussed potential light installation at Rocco and possible fundraising for the project.

Chris Smalley spoke of HK football replacing the storage shed at Auer (currently 12'x20') with a larger shed (16'x24'?), on stone. He will bring the plans to the Commission and inquire with the Building Inspector.

***The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark