

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2026
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with the following in attendance: Jim Duffield (Chair), Donna Clark, Jeremy Burr, Glenn Johnson, Chris Smalley and Chris Swiss. Bill Burley was absent.

2.Secretary's Report: *Glenn made a motion to approve the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes, Swiss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.Visitors: Linda Plenderleith, Pete Staniforth Memorial at the Rocco courts

4. Bills, Applications and Communications:

Bills

- 1.Gatekeeping, Auer, Kristen Malin, \$310.00
- 2.Tru Green, \$1,244.80, fertilizer and weed
3. Sweitzer, \$177.02 Sheldon
 \$119.90 Rocco
 \$177.02 Auer
 \$67.20 Bethke
4. Eversource, \$44.46 Auer
 \$156.61 Sheldon
5. Langer Landscapes, #4 \$4,133.33, Sheldon mowing, Rocco and Bethke turn the field
6. Clean Restrooms, \$225.00 Sheldon
 \$315.00 Auer
 \$95.00 Rocco
7. Drainscapes, April/May, Auer mowing, \$5,725.00

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

Applications

- [1.HK](#) Rec, Fall soccer, field 3, 9/9-10/26, tues/wed-holding off
- [2.HK](#) Rec, Rocco Courts, 6/4-6/25, PB lessons, 6-7pm

***Jeremy made a motion to approve the use of the pickleball courts, specifying two courts and more only if available at the time). Glenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report: Swiss presented: 50% of budget spent, \$63,973 of \$128,490 spent with field maintenance being the main driver of spending.

6. Old Business

Auer

- discussed seed slicing
- front wall repair
- new bench locations
- Brushhogging a new area for parking with Wettish permission, Jim will send a letter.
- Glenn is preparing a bid request for the walkway, handicapped parking spots and ramp to the pavilion.
- South Field, waiting on irrigation, hopefully this week. If not, Glenn will redirect and call Maxim, needs to be seeded by late summer.

Bethke

- field turned, holes filled.

7. New Business

***Jeremy made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 for bench(es) and a plaque dedicated to Peter Staniforth who was instrumental in the development of the Killingworth pickleball courts. Pete passed away last week. Smalley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

- Discussed the need to repair the lacrosse goal area at Auer. Drainscapes submitted a \$4,900.00 proposal for the repair. Discussed referring repair to the town crew and possibility of speaking to HKLax regarding the situation
- Discussed referring the Rocco landscape seeding to the town crew
- There are soon to be five new disc golf holes at Auer, the baskets are to be purchased and Rob L. will work on the tee boxes.
- The Breakers and field usage invoice. Jim read a letter from the CT AG office offering mediation. The Breakers want to expunge the previous invoice. The Breakers have yet to attend a Commission meeting to discuss the case.
- Due to the budget, all capital projects are removed for now.
- Chris Swiss explained that HK Football may be interested in donating one or two buildings for storage and potential restrooms at Auer. Research and consultation occurring presently, proposals to come. There was a discussion regarding public water supply procedures.

Chris also spoke of research into a robotic field painter in which user groups, RSD 17 and the town might possibly share expenses (approx. \$15k/year +paint, 5yrs to own). Discussed best ways to move forward.

***Swiss made a motion to approve the Drainscapes proposal to fix the goal area and to slice seed at Auer, \$4,900.00. Glenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

- Discussed the possibility and procedure in obtaining a permanent football goalpost from Deep River, Swiss will pursue.

***The meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark