



**Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript
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00:00:00.060 --> 00:00:00.870

Gary Dell'Abate: can't figure it out.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Good evening everybody welcome back it's been a while.

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Gary Dell'Abate: start by trying to see do we have 1234 and five weeks five so that is in fact a quorum.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Once frank is back so do we need a quorum to approve the meeting Minutes do I can I get somebody to approve all the meeting minutes someone.

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Gary Dell'Abate: A second i'm.

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Nancy Chapin: A second.

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00:00:34.140 --> 00:00:35.100

Gary Dell'Abate: We can't do both but.

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00:00:35.820 --> 00:00:36.360

Scott Johnson: i'll second.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And okay so Nancy approves them Scott seconds them and then we will all vote on them everybody in favor raise your hand.

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Sue Bodson: i'm not voting because I was in President at that meeting.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So that's Gary Scott and Nancy are voting to approve the Minutes.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, is Fred with us today.

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Joe Siciliano: It doesn't look like he's on at the moment, but we could either I mean he's he's been sending me send me text messages all afternoon and Casey had a timing issue, but we can proceed, or we could wait another minute.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Why don't we go to the next thing on the list.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And then, after that we'll just flip this will flip the schedule if you're okay with that Jerry okay with it.

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Joe Siciliano: Oh yeah i'm fine I said let's.

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00:01:27.210 --> 00:01:30.330

Gary Dell'Abate: let's go to a more low memorial park designation.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, so i'll i'll make a short couple statements and.

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Joe Siciliano: You should have received with the announcement for the meeting and packets and information about history of more lot bark and and how it kind of came to its fruition and i'm not sure i'm going to read all this stuff, but this was a fine gesture from.

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Joe Siciliano: One of the folks that worked at the former barnes school to plant a tree for every person every boy that attended barn school that was.

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Joe Siciliano: killed in one of the one of the wars and.

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Joe Siciliano: And then, and then in 1989 there was a flagpole and a plaque dedication for eugene more lock memorial park on that day.

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Joe Siciliano: The, including in your packet there was also a member memorandum from frank Keegan or September 23 1985 which outlines the intent of what this was really supposed to be about.

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Joe Siciliano: And i'll just look in paraphrase item on in that memorandum that says that the area where the plaques are located, has been dedicated as permanent parkland, it is not part of the housing of housing on the form of bomb school site now.

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Joe Siciliano: This was frank's intent to dedicate that as part land that and also in your packet you'll see a diagram of the parkland it's been boxed in with longitudinal and latitude aligns the 14.

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00:03:00.960 --> 00:03:11.100

Joe Siciliano: To 13 trees and the flagpole which makes it 14 have been plotted in the survey and those are exact locations where it's located all of that is located.

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00:03:11.850 --> 00:03:21.420

Joe Siciliano: The thing that happened is is that, as we were talking about the rink and the location site location of the rink, and all this other information that was being passed through the rink committee.

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00:03:21.810 --> 00:03:31.230

Joe Siciliano: What we really found out is that it never went in front of the board of selectmen frank's wish of dedicating this park dedicating this parcel of property.

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00:03:31.860 --> 00:03:44.640

Joe Siciliano: So as as what should happen, and rightly so, is that this is kind of a housekeeping issue for me is to pick this up and make sure that it gets appropriate you know it gets appropriated designated.

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Joe Siciliano: And that the memorials trees and the flagpole or preserved in their locations and the area will become permanent part property.

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00:03:54.360 --> 00:04:06.660

Joe Siciliano: And that they will be on it'll be put on the record that it is dedicated part property so i'm in your packet, you have the information about the memorial to.

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00:04:07.260 --> 00:04:16.920

Joe Siciliano: 2G more lot plaque the information about that the diagram in an opinion from the town attorney's office lori I mean abby wadler excuse me.

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Joe Siciliano: who wrote an opinion and did some research about what transpired, and what didn't transpire but her in her opinion that if we want to.

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Joe Siciliano: memorialize this area, and we want to dedicated as parkland that we should go through this process of acknowledgement from it's got acknowledge that the rink committee, it also a recommendation from the board of parks and recreation and also a.

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Joe Siciliano: Also, the board of selectmen will take it up at one of their October meetings and have a discussion at one meeting and vote that in the second now lenore has some of those that information if you if we can put it up when or would you put up the just the location map.

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00:05:02.940 --> 00:05:04.740

Joe Siciliano: We want everybody to see the location.

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00:05:06.900 --> 00:05:11.760

Joe Siciliano: So that's the first page and normal flip through the pages to get we get to the right page but.

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00:05:13.620 --> 00:05:16.350

Joe Siciliano: Here we go we're moving towards the right page here.

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00:05:18.090 --> 00:05:25.590

Joe Siciliano: Correct Thank you Lynn or stop there, so this is the location, the hard line that you see that's boxing in the Monday the.

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00:05:26.220 --> 00:05:32.940

Joe Siciliano: 13th trees and the monument flagpole etc, but all for within the dedicated park property.

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00:05:33.660 --> 00:05:42.300

Joe Siciliano: And what we will do is that will get this on the record, not only will get it in our own records of parks and recreation, but my intent is to have this place.

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00:05:42.960 --> 00:05:51.240

Joe Siciliano: Alongside the deed for the property, so that in future years if somebody would like to look it up it'll be on the land records in the clerk's office.

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Joe Siciliano: The ring committee with a very simple statement said that you know, in a resolution that resolved that the ring committee is in favor.

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00:06:00.420 --> 00:06:07.050

Joe Siciliano: That the board of the board of selectmen take this action to dedicate this parcel the property as parkland.

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Joe Siciliano: period, it was that simple, the ring Committee voted unanimously that day of the Members that were in attendance, to move this forward.

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00:06:15.570 --> 00:06:20.760

Joe Siciliano: And so we're asking something of the board of parks and recreation as simple as that the.

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Joe Siciliano: This will get more detailed at the board of selectmen meeting and the board of selectmen will have to make a.

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00:06:26.820 --> 00:06:34.560

Joe Siciliano: make a vote of at least two of the board members and hopefully three to come up with to dedicate this parcel of land.

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00:06:35.220 --> 00:06:45.390

Joe Siciliano: it's already there it already exists or the trees exist, the swing set the monument the flagpole is all there, and as I said, this is just to be clear for clarity and to finish this.

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Joe Siciliano: circle that frankie and started have tried to dedicate the property so without any further comment if there's a question i'll be glad to take it or if there's a comment i'm glad to take that awesome.

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00:06:58.560 --> 00:07:11.190

Gary Dell'Abate: I do have one question i'm looking you know i've looked through the packet but it says that one of the disadvantages that the West lion form condo association association is presumed to be opposed to it, are they are they not.

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00:07:11.970 --> 00:07:15.960

Joe Siciliano: I don't have never heard anything about the West lines forms association.

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Gary Dell'Abate: it's in there.

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00:07:16.920 --> 00:07:20.130

Nancy Chapin: Regarding the dog park portion.

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that's.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Why, looking at the wrong thing.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah you're probably looking at.

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00:07:26.820 --> 00:07:27.510

Gary Dell'Abate: Okay yeah.

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00:07:29.940 --> 00:07:31.290

Sue Bodson: it's not married at all.

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00:07:31.560 --> 00:07:36.930

Gary Dell'Abate: yeah no I got it i'm looking I opened two documents that are the same email thinking, they were the same So yes, I.

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00:07:37.890 --> 00:07:39.480

Gary Dell'Abate: Have no questions or anything else but.

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00:07:39.930 --> 00:07:40.260

Gary Dell'Abate: I see.

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00:07:41.220 --> 00:07:42.180

Scott Johnson: Gary I got a question.

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Gary Dell'Abate: you read scott's got a question.

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00:07:44.340 --> 00:07:50.160

Scott Johnson: So, the one thing that i've not spoken to recollect previously in training, I want to make sure.

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Scott Johnson: That this the outline that's shown on the site plan right now.

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Scott Johnson: everybody thinks will not interfere with the proposed location or the rank or or related you know related improvements I park in that kind of stuff.

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Scott Johnson: So.

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Scott Johnson: rick can you hear, can you chime in on that.

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00:08:16.650 --> 00:08:18.540

Scott Johnson: Show at least that's your understanding right.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah I mean I can I can discuss this, we have, since this is an existing.

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00:08:24.870 --> 00:08:34.530

Joe Siciliano: parcel of land, the trees have been planted with the memorial we as on the ring Committee and the staff that has been working on the ring project have committed.

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Joe Siciliano: That this area will be preserved and that the any other future layouts of the rink or schematics or parking will not interfere with this personal property.

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Joe Siciliano: So we're we're set on this, I mean we've been working through our minelli the project manager and the company that's tsk P who's working on it, excuse me slam who's working on the on the layouts and stuff and we've all agreed that this will not be touched.

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So.

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Scott Johnson: He so tonight we should.

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00:09:12.450 --> 00:09:25.110

Scott Johnson: Give a sense of the meeting or a resolution if anyone's done want to basically recommend to the board of selectmen to approve the proposal park and layout so forth, and materials.

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Joe Siciliano: That sound as simple as that it doesn't have to be along, yes, it could be a sense of the meeting, if you want it to be, but we're looking for some positive feedback, so that the public can.

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00:09:35.070 --> 00:09:46.020

Joe Siciliano: You make comment that the folks that have families that have the memorial trees will feel comfortable with moving it forward and, of course, the more like flagpole and plaque.

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Joe Siciliano: So, at the end of the day, you know which is trying to get some consensus along the way, so the ring Committee did there's we're looking for some positive consensus from the parts board and then we'll we'll go in front of the board of selectmen and they'll have the final vote on dedication.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So, Joe I have a hand raised for.

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00:10:03.840 --> 00:10:06.510

Gary Dell'Abate: sort of a hand raised from an attendee are we doing.

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Scott Johnson: Before we get to that before we get to know me so when it goes to the board of selectmen that's a public hearing where they can do on received public comments so two people can ask questions there or core may criticism support or against.

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00:10:22.860 --> 00:10:24.330

Joe Siciliano: Correct yeah so.

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Joe Siciliano: What we discussed with the board, you know lauren Raven sponsoring this and Fred who's been in favor and I have not talked to Jill yet, but.

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Joe Siciliano: That the board of selectmen would here in the issue at one meeting and vote at the second meeting to give everybody a time to make whatever comments they wanted to make and positive or negative, and then they would take a final vote so you'll be a two step process.

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Scott Johnson: And there hasn't been negative comments at the rink committee hearings.

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Joe Siciliano: I did not hear any I was on the meeting I did not hear any.

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00:10:58.830 --> 00:11:08.520

Joe Siciliano: Opposition, there was some clarity, as I said about the boundaries of this and we've we've made that correction, we put the actual longitude the latitude the lines here.

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00:11:08.910 --> 00:11:26.520

Joe Siciliano: And we box, the box, the area so it's pretty clear that this is the exactly where it is in the trees again have all been cited on the survey and they have exact longitude and latitude coordinates so it's as clear as clear can be.

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00:11:27.870 --> 00:11:34.020

Scott Johnson: Harmful sounds sounds good to me if there any other committee Member questions before the Court of public.

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Mike Bocchino: yeah Scott, I have a question um.

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Mike Bocchino: So i'm in the rain Committee, I mean I was, and I agree with Joe everything that he said is is true factual.

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00:11:47.820 --> 00:11:59.700

Mike Bocchino: what's being presented is by some factions, is that the entire piece of land everything that's up there at the skating rink is the eugene more lot park.

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Mike Bocchino: And I know that that's been addressed through the legal department um my question is this, and this makes perfect sense, because at the end of the day.

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00:12:13.530 --> 00:12:24.390

Mike Bocchino: Every individual whether they're on the committee or they're a part of the veterans association or wherever they may be, we want to make certain As Joseph said.

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00:12:25.110 --> 00:12:39.750

Mike Bocchino: That this is mapped out specifically keeping in a guidelines of the fact that this is the memorial veterans memorial park longitude latitude so on and so forth.

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00:12:40.830 --> 00:12:50.880

Mike Bocchino: My question goes because we talked about having been a presentation at the board of selectmen that there was none, and now we're going to go forward with that.

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00:12:52.020 --> 00:13:00.660

Mike Bocchino: The baseball field, I was presented to the board of selectmen was named the stress of field.

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Mike Bocchino: If the rank does go through at the location that we're we're talking about now presented does that remain the stress of field wherever that location has moved to does that.

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00:13:19.950 --> 00:13:38.670

Mike Bocchino: present an issue with moving the longitude and latitude based on what had been already decided at the prior Board of selectmen the meeting which I was in attendance at so I just want to get make sure that we have clarity on.

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00:13:39.930 --> 00:13:42.420

Mike Bocchino: All of these particular pieces of.

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00:13:43.500 --> 00:13:44.580

Mike Bocchino: Property like.

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Mike Bocchino: Even though we're just looking right now, at the.

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Mike Bocchino: longitude and latitude of this veterans memorial.

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Joe Siciliano: The reason why we've been so Okay, let me just take that question and.

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00:13:54.510 --> 00:14:02.400

Joe Siciliano: The South the strands of field was named stress field, I mean it's a large parts of the property, it has no measurement or boundary to it okay.

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00:14:02.820 --> 00:14:10.380

Joe Siciliano: I mean it's it's a it's an honorary naming of the field for the fine work that cell did with the Youth in Greenwich and his love for the game.

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00:14:10.740 --> 00:14:20.520

Joe Siciliano: You know, and we all know, we knew sal and I was at the meeting with so so at the end of the day, if we flip flop, the field and the building or.

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00:14:20.820 --> 00:14:29.490

Joe Siciliano: It was still be named the stress of field we're not going to you know there's no other destination it doesn't have boundary lines, the reason why we did this.

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00:14:29.820 --> 00:14:41.070

Joe Siciliano: At this location is who created the logic, you know the lat long lines and specifically cited the trees that were already planted is because this is kind of more of us sensitive situation.

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00:14:41.550 --> 00:14:54.390

Joe Siciliano: And should be carved out, but if we move the blue flip flop, the field, and it goes to the other side, or some other arrangement or gets changed around somehow it will always be named the stress of field.

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00:14:54.930 --> 00:15:00.780

Joe Siciliano: And, and I don't think we need to, we need to kind of set up some measurements and boundary lines for it, I just think that.

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00:15:01.110 --> 00:15:12.450

Joe Siciliano: You know that was the intent to generally named the feel there was some work done on the dugouts at the time, he was improvements to the infield it was a gift of \$12,000 I mean there was all this stuff that happened.

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00:15:12.780 --> 00:15:26.100

Joe Siciliano: And we greatly appreciate it and improve this you know the playability and and named after a very advocate for youth baseball so it'll go wherever that goes, I mean on the property.

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00:15:26.700 --> 00:15:35.010

Mike Bocchino: Great yeah That was my That was my only concern and absolutely if we wind up you know with the construction of the rank at this location and we wind up.

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00:15:35.340 --> 00:15:44.100

Mike Bocchino: doing the things that we need to do as far as the field goes in the improvements and stuff I would just want to make certain that that we remain that so it.

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00:15:44.490 --> 00:15:59.400

Mike Bocchino: If you answered all my questions, I appreciate that, and this, you know it makes sense to do the things that we need to do to make sure that these veterans memorial is is secure and for years and years to come, for everybody, thank you.

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00:16:00.570 --> 00:16:01.080

Scott Johnson: So.

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00:16:01.740 --> 00:16:19.590

Scott Johnson: Just to be clear, the definition of this proposed park when or if it's approved by the selectmen is the metes and bounds, which is a formal legal description has shown on this map and that's the normal way to do it so that's good because of memorialized is the boundaries.

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Joe Siciliano: yep you got your hundred percent right Scott okay.

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00:16:26.820 --> 00:16:27.420

Scott Johnson: So.

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Scott Johnson: All right, Gary If I could just jump in.

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00:16:31.170 --> 00:16:48.420

Scott Johnson: I don't and I don't want to put words in anybody's mouth, but does everyone on the board feel comfortable with this, or if they don't ask whatever questions or objections or whatever they want, because if we if we concur, this goes to the segment as a recommendation from us.

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00:16:49.830 --> 00:16:59.520

Mike Bocchino: let's it's a sense of the meeting correct, I mean I could be wrong, but we're taking a sense of the meeting of were either in favor or against what's been presented and that's the sense of our meeting.

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00:17:00.540 --> 00:17:01.200

Joe Siciliano: Yes.

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00:17:01.380 --> 00:17:02.700

Scott Johnson: I think that's what they're looking for.

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00:17:03.060 --> 00:17:10.350

Joe Siciliano: Yes, just a sense of the meeting statement that says we've reviewed it were in favor of it and let the board of selectmen take it on their agenda.

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Scott Johnson: So is that is that agreeable to everybody, or if it's not say so now.

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00:17:18.930 --> 00:17:20.070

Frank Di vincenzo: agreeable to me.

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00:17:21.630 --> 00:17:21.930

Scott Johnson: I mean.

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Mike Bocchino: I need to make a motion or.

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00:17:25.020 --> 00:17:32.280

Scott Johnson: yeah I think here, if I could, if I could do it the emotion is to that we will recommend to the board of selectmen.

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00:17:32.940 --> 00:17:51.420

Scott Johnson: It is the sense of the meeting that the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends that the Board of Selectmen review and approve the formal designation of Eugene Morlot Memorial Park as set forth in the documents including a site plan presented by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Joe Siciliano.

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Scott Johnson: I think that's the resolution which.

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Scott Johnson: I can draw from a new or or.

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00:17:58.650 --> 00:18:00.150

Scott Johnson: has changed, but I think that's it.

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Joe Siciliano: That works.

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00:18:04.590 --> 00:18:07.140

Scott Johnson: For me, is everybody in agreement with that.

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00:18:08.070 --> 00:18:08.700

Frank Di vincenzo: I absolutely.

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00:18:09.210 --> 00:18:12.300

Scott Johnson: agree, I agree, I think we should raise your hands.

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00:18:12.750 --> 00:18:13.770

Mike Bocchino: So i'll second that.

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00:18:14.370 --> 00:18:16.470

Lenore Caserta-McClester: Okay, should we roll call.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: The audio for the transcript we should.

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00:18:22.140 --> 00:18:24.750

Joe Siciliano: Lower in the meantime, can you take the drawing down, so we can see everybody.

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00:18:24.900 --> 00:18:27.270

Gary Dell'Abate: Right I can't see everybody who's got their hand raise Thank you.

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00:18:27.300 --> 00:18:28.140

Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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00:18:28.350 --> 00:18:31.080

Gary Dell'Abate: So we'll do it this way, frank.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay.

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Mike Bocchino: Alright cool yes.

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Gary Dell'Abate: My potato.

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Yes, Scott.

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Scott Johnson: Johnson yes.

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Sue Bodson: suboxone yes.

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00:18:40.800 --> 00:18:41.760

Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, you cheapen.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, rick Hello.

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00:18:43.950 --> 00:18:46.290

Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, Gary della birthday, yes.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay.

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Joe Siciliano: simple enough.

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00:18:51.870 --> 00:19:04.470

Gary Dell'Abate: or hold on a second we did have we had somebody had their hand up, then they take it down they put back up again from as an attendee or as an attendee so is that for public comment later, or do we take that comment.

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00:19:06.720 --> 00:19:09.690

Scott Johnson: Well, if it's on it's on the park it's.

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00:19:10.980 --> 00:19:15.450

Scott Johnson: it's it's done unless the person wants to make a comment, later on, which is fine.

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00:19:17.280 --> 00:19:18.960

Scott Johnson: So I don't know if I don't see that hand up.

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00:19:18.960 --> 00:19:30.300

Gary Dell'Abate: anymore, I do it's in attendees by the hand was up and then the hand was down, and so I didn't call them another hand is back up again so Liz we're going to save that for public comment thanks okay we're moving ahead.

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00:19:31.470 --> 00:19:37.440

Gary Dell'Abate: i'll tell you what we'll do the directors report and the Foundation, then we'll go back to the dog park so Joe let's do directors before.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, so um and I have probably enough information to cover Fred stopping to so if we if we get through the directors report and he's not on, yet I know you're.

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Joe Siciliano: juggling a couple things we can move, we can move forward with it great Okay, a couple things for the directors report and and I and lasers going to have a couple statements to me he's been.

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Joe Siciliano: We have a couple things we want to talk about um you know we're starting to work and i'll see a little bit of blazes thunder here too, so we're starting to approach the the budget season.

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Joe Siciliano: Capital budget operation plan and operating plans we've received some you know outline instructions and some documents that will start the process going forward, we have not received the formal budgets.

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Joe Siciliano: Stephen from the et yet I know there's one out there kicking around and being refined but that will be forthcoming.

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Joe Siciliano: With some guidance so we're going to start to do some of the very preliminary budgetary work and and that's just a general comment.

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Joe Siciliano: second thing is that we've been meeting quite regularly on the the field report is not been forgotten about working with our consultant, a couple of things refining the.

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Joe Siciliano: The reports so that it would reflect how we translate that into dollars and also budgetary years that we might want to look at.

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Joe Siciliano: But budgeting for some of those projects we have some short term projects and some longer term projects and one of our commitments, yet is to go in front of the BT we'll be talking with them as soon as we get this all together about making a brief presentation about the plan.

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Joe Siciliano: And then also talking about how it would lay out the 15 year capital plan for this report with some prioritization of what what we might want to work on first so that's in the works and.

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Joe Siciliano: we're right now we're going to be meeting tomorrow to review some of the first cut of the of the of the 15 year field plan as we might say so so he's a little refinements and but we're working on that and we'll try to tailor that in with our budget presentation.

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Joe Siciliano: Just a few other things I mean we you know we did haven't met since July just some housekeeping you know, we had a great August, both.

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Joe Siciliano: programmatic wise parks beaches, I mean people using our facilities golf has been off the charts as far as the number of people playing golf and August and even.

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Joe Siciliano: Through September, just a short example short day like yesterday beautiful day like yesterday but short we had played 180 rounds of golf and so that's kind of.

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Joe Siciliano: Where you know we're up above what we normally that played during at this time of the year, the weather's in our favor and people are still out there swinging away so it's been very, very good, we had a selection committee put together.

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Joe Siciliano: who's.

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Joe Siciliano: Computer crashed boot up again, does that mean.

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Joe Siciliano: that's scary oh sorry i'm so we have a selection committee under the direction of the first selectman to select a new golf pro and we put out an rfp we received.

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Joe Siciliano: We received a proposal and and we reviewed that proposal, and we had an interview, and we selected Patrick massey.

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Joe Siciliano: Who is the assistant pro right now, at the griff had has been at the grip, for I think 14 consecutive years as the assistant.

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Joe Siciliano: And is a bright young man with a great future and has some great ideas about you know how we should operate the pro services and where we might take the golf course so i'm very enthusiastic.

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Joe Siciliano: got wide reviews from a lot of the golf users, there was a lot of letters of support and we're we're happy that we made that selection, I think, Pat, will be a fine.

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Joe Siciliano: Choice he has a five year contract with the town and, as we know from previous years, the contract is goes out for rebid every five years.

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Joe Siciliano: And we like to see some continuity, but for right now he's going to worry about the next five years, so um so we've been engaged in discussion with him and so that's been a great opportunity for everybody.

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Joe Siciliano: i'm going to turn it to blaze he has a couple things he wants to talk about and one last thing before I get off with it, if you want to hear.

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Joe Siciliano: Great Kramer Dr grey Kramer or tree expert he's doing a seminar this evening about trees and some information.

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Joe Siciliano: So if you get off we get off this meeting soon it starts at seven, and I think it's from seven to eight.

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Joe Siciliano: And there's a link out there, so if you want to jump in and might be quite interesting he does have a white following he said he he made expect as many as 50 people on the zoom meeting tonight so it's kind of interesting.

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Joe Siciliano: And he's got a lot to say so, if you have time, you might want to check that out, ladies, you have something else you want to talk about today about the skating rink and.

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Blaize Levitan: yeah real quick and, hopefully, you would have seen that announcement on our social media, the other day because that's been going very well, thanks to Illinois we.

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Blaize Levitan: We have quite quite the partnership going with the town, so if anyone has any feedback or recommendations for some more social media posts just reach out to her and I and.

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Blaize Levitan: we're doing a whole kind of redesign to improve our customers digital experience so that's well in the works i'm going to share my screen real quick just to put together a.

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Blaize Levitan: just want to make everyone aware of a resource that we put together can everyone see my screen.

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Blaize Levitan: Good okay so just for the rank project, the Chairman bill Drake of the rink replacement committee.

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Blaize Levitan: reached out and we put together kind of a website that is intended to be kind of a one stop shop for this project we just wanted to make the board aware of it.

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Blaize Levitan: Greenwich ct.gov slash rank this is Scott, all of the information kind of a rough timeline of what this project would look like for the public.

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Blaize Levitan: they've got a newsletter sign up for people to stay informed about major project milestones are as things change, the most important thing here for us.

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Blaize Levitan: to know about is this resource nice simple link is as all the documents you know all these presentations and we go to these meetings with the BT and all and the ring Committee does all their stuff.

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Blaize Levitan: We want to have all those documents posted for people right here in this one transparent spies that process moves forward and the other useful resource is a complex project like this.

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Blaize Levitan: is going to be in front of right now it's just the rank user committee but we put together this calendar tool for people because, once this project if it keeps as it keeps moving along it's going to be in front of planning and zoning.

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Blaize Levitan: arkadin architectural review and BT and you know our team all kinds of meetings boards.

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Blaize Levitan: And it can be difficult for someone who's kind of following that project along, so instead of the resident having to go to all these different.

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Blaize Levitan: Agendas and sift through we're trying to make a one stop shop for someone to stay long and have a really transparent process so as those meetings come up.

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Blaize Levitan: For all the different boards will also link them together on this calendar, so that people can really stay track and attend public hearings and all of that stuff so.

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Blaize Levitan: there's also a little button here, if you have any questions or comments you hit this button and brings up a form and that.

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Blaize Levitan: allows folks to just contact the Committee Chairman directly and get questions and comments and things like that, right to the committee so.

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Blaize Levitan: Greenwich ct.gov slash rank and, as usual, a big thanks to Linda honor for really helping with this making this nice little graphic here and all the other great stuff that she does on the website.

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Blaize Levitan: And that's I don't take too much time, so.

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Joe Siciliano: So what just one last thing, and I think this is very appropriate since we had you know a great summer, a lot of work went into management of our programs and facilities, etc.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean i'd like to express my sincere thanks to division heads staffing operations people supervisors blaze for your guidance and jumping in there and.

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Joe Siciliano: rolling up your sleeves and get to know something about a lot more about parks and recreation, but I think you know again and we.

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Joe Siciliano: We had a very successful summer for the number of people we serve and and it's you know we have a very seasoned staff, so thank you staff and your staff leadership it's well recognize.

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Joe Siciliano: that's it.

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Scott Johnson: took last question.

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Scott Johnson: Sure D, you are soo because we got a pretty typical and I think.

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Scott Johnson: Interesting letter from Jennifer young, who was asking about the procedures for field closures due to weather.

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Scott Johnson: yeah Oh, we have a pretty formalized and in detail procedure for that can you just she was talking, particularly about Western Western.

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Scott Johnson: Western civic Center field, but just can you from I feel I don't know how you how you deal with closures.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, I I could take take it, but maybe you can correct me I don't know all the little details, but so what happens is that you know we have pending rain, or if we have rain.

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Joe Siciliano: The fields get closed the combination of TIM confluent our field turf turf manager.

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Joe Siciliano: site visits to very critical fields and he pretty much knows them by the back of his hand now he's been doing this for quite some time, where the trouble spots are where the maybe not so much.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, depending on the rain occurrence, how much rain, the duration of the rain and then he coordinates with don don more who does the scheduling to get the information out.

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Joe Siciliano: We should have, and I know TIM answered that email today and i'm not I should go back and look whether copied everybody in on it.

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Joe Siciliano: But we did give Mrs young an answer, obviously, you know, there was pending rain in the middle of the day, there was pending thunderstorms for.

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Joe Siciliano: Tuesday evening the sky got very dark and black and.

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Joe Siciliano: feels got canceled and user groups generally like to have that information earlier on in the afternoon, now that schools in session so that they can get the word out.

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Joe Siciliano: So the kids are not going from schools to the fields are and your parents have to or others have to transport them, so we made a call around 1112 or 1230 and obviously.

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Joe Siciliano: evening rain didn't really materialize and, but it was too late to pull back up at that point, but it is a visual on whether it's Saturday Sunday during the week and then this coordination between TIM and don to make the announcements.

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Joe Siciliano: You know and it's not always I mean we're looking at the accu weather system that we have.

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Joe Siciliano: predicting evening showers there was a number of programs cancel that Tuesday evening, pending the thunderstorms that were coming through and it never materialized so, unfortunately, we can be as right as the weather.

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Joe Siciliano: predictors and they're only right about 50% of the time, so you know it is a call unfortunately yeah we've had some rain occurrences, we had you know.

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Joe Siciliano: significant amount of rain we've had other brainstorms and it's been it's been a tough fall but.

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Joe Siciliano: But you know we'll try to do our best to stay on top of it and be as accurate let's not forget, you know we still program 58 athletic surfaces every day.

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Joe Siciliano: And we program over 28,000 field scheduled hours a year and I was a little bit disappointed.

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Joe Siciliano: In the in the email that we see from Mrs young to say that you know we're not user friendly your kids friendly, we are very much so, because we're producing 28,000 hours of scheduled field time.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, a year, plus you know we're managing all of those surfaces so, unfortunately, the weather didn't materialize the way it was supposed to and it wasn't the best call but.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, and it happens, sometimes, but we were on top of it and we don't you know we're not doing this from the office or from home or you know we actually visit some of the locations and I will for.

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Joe Siciliano: You Scott, I think Gary was on the email or whoever else would like it and Mike I think you're on there, the kim's response to make sure that you have a close the loop on what he actually.

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Joe Siciliano: said in that and his email, and is it almost exactly what I just told you so so um you know that's kind of the way it goes and I don't take it lightly, because we want to produce as much field time for everybody, as we possibly can.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright, thanks, Joe you know what while you're talking, you might as well pick up the dog park stuff and then we'll move on.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah I think Okay, so I can pick up the dog park stuff it's it's it's pretty simple the document that is in the packet that was done by a young band.

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Joe Siciliano: need rappaport didn't August of 2021 was was an intern projects and basically his project was to go out and look at possible locations that we might consider throughout the town.

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Joe Siciliano: In locating another dog park or door parks, so in there there's a list and the list really is a very general list because some of these locations, I can tell you from being part of the original dog park selection committee.

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Joe Siciliano: On were reviewed, back then, we have a lot more experience now with dogs and dog parks, but kennewick laughlin avenue Bruce part I need them and some other Honorable mention locations like barn park and.

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Joe Siciliano: A few others and locations that are in the packet um we're all generally considered basically what this document really does is to.

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Joe Siciliano: fred's intent was to wanting to start the conversation about looking at other locations and the possibility of locating one or two other sites.

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Joe Siciliano: And then working to see if we can achieve some outside dollars to support those sites, we know how this works, because of the first dog Park, you have to get the location, maybe get some demographics together get this area, you know kind of outlined.

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Joe Siciliano: And then the first step would have would be that we also have to get the board of health to relax the.

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Joe Siciliano: leash law ordinance for that location if we're going to move it through the approval process, so this is just kind of collection of information starts to discussion.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know in fred's text message to me this afternoon, he said, if I don't make the meeting that this is what is intense and that you know it's just to get that get the conversation going, and also to let the board know that if we could come up with some information.

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Joe Siciliano: And some potential locations or venues, as he put in his email.

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Joe Siciliano: With some decent money to support the opportunity and that he would you know that would be one of the commitments to look at outside funding to help support.

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Joe Siciliano: With we needed fencing or if we needed other items to make it work so again it's a it's just the report some recommendations.

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Joe Siciliano: We do know that some of the locations like loughlin have been mentioned in the field study.

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Joe Siciliano: So you know there's been some heightened interest in the field study about laughlin and but there's there's no commitment here it's all just on paper, and you know.

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Joe Siciliano: And also, we do like I do know that we use that section of the field but laughlin avenue for you know kids sports.

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Joe Siciliano: But you know kids soccer something that if we really get backed up and some of our fields so it's perfect for a small area for goals and stuff like that so we'd have to evaluate we just want a little further, but.

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Joe Siciliano: young man did a great job, and you know he gave us the documents he gave us some mapping he gave us some comments about what would be needed in some of the park locations and it's a great start document so that's I think what Fred wanted to say.

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Gary Dell'Abate: The girls what happened, what happens to it from here.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, I mean, I think that the board, could you know take it up themselves or they could recommend that maybe the first selectman.

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Joe Siciliano: put together an interesting group of folks that kind of shepherd the conversation maybe somebody from the board would be participate in that, but at the end of the day there that's what could happen.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean i'm not sure this is, I don't know if this is a project that the board would want to take on, or whether want to just be in cooperation with a group of people who have a common interest to kind of move this forward.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you, thank you that's a friend.

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Joe Siciliano: And I know exactly what to say we're good.

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Joe Siciliano: So I think I know I know where he is and he's he was trying to fit it in between is speaking, he has another speaking engagements tonight so okay all right.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Scott, you want to talk about what's going on with the Foundation.

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Scott Johnson: um well, let me, let me turn over soon, because she's been doing quite a bit.

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Scott Johnson: You know just logistically you know, we do have a PayPal account and it's still in the name of near the nc kaplan, believe it or not, on so Sue has thankfully.

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Scott Johnson: stepped up to be the new PayPal liaison, which means that she's gonna ever name on that on that in a credit card, I guess, but anyway so just for those who don't know.

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Scott Johnson: We do have a PayPal mechanism it's on the website so she wants to talk about the other stuff you're working on particularly mclaughlin.

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Sue Bodson: or well first we lunar and I have been working on some administrative housekeeping like the the PayPal account.

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Sue Bodson: And thank you Scott for signing over that letter and I will be communicating with PayPal tomorrow to sort of turn it over.

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Sue Bodson: We are lenore and I are also very we're trying to clean up the website, a little bit right now in terms of what is on the front page versus what's you know what's more up front, but our goal is to move away from this WIC.

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Sue Bodson: website, which I had said previously in a meeting is like with the wig versus on what we use now to do excel or you know it's a very antiquated it does not translate to a mobile device at all so.

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Sue Bodson: We are we are coming to and blake is it like releases amazing nodding because he knows what i'm talking about.

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Sue Bodson: So our goal is to move it to a more user friendly cleaner modern sleeker website and i've started to write copy, and I will share that obviously with.

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Sue Bodson: With Scott and rick if you want to look at the copy too happy to share it with you guys before it gets established.

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Sue Bodson: We were approached I was approached by Jay mclaughlin who is celebrating their 20 years in Greenwich.

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Sue Bodson: This fall there on the corner of churchy and the post road and they wanted to partner with a nonprofit to be the beneficiary of a multi day event and so.

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Sue Bodson: it's going to be our Foundation, which will be fabulous they're donating 15% of the proceeds to the Foundation and the kickoff will be on October 20.

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Sue Bodson: Which is a Wednesday night and then we'll proceed through the weekend so lenore already got that up on our the Foundation website, and I think what i'll do.

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Sue Bodson: As we did in the past when we've done a fundraising event is read something about the Foundation and our work and what we do and what the board of parks and REC does in terms of.

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Sue Bodson: Just communicating and getting the word out there.

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Sue Bodson: What we're about and then putting in something about the jamel coffin event because it's you know we we want to communicate what all the good things that we're we're doing, and obviously.

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Sue Bodson: This event is to raise money for us, so the the gist of it will be more about our good efforts on as what we do as a board in a foundation.

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that's that's it.

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Rick Loh: Thanks for.

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Gary Dell'Abate: That Scott is everything when you throw about the Foundation.

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Scott Johnson: yeah great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright, so let's uh let's delve into some of our subcommittees and rick.

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Gary Dell'Abate: what's going on at our the animal.

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Rick Loh: Well you've already got quite a bit of information tonight.

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Rick Loh: We are we are progressing our next step is to take a closer look.

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Rick Loh: and try to determine.

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Rick Loh: exactly where the rank will go on the property, we are meeting.

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Rick Loh: Our next meeting we're meeting on the site.

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Rick Loh: On October I think it's October 13.

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Rick Loh: And really there's there's not much else to report we've been.

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Rick Loh: kind of on hold here as we work through these details.

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Rick Loh: Like maybe you guys some dad Joe.

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Rick Loh: Up you.

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Mike Bocchino: know, unfortunately rick you're correct and we're kind of in a in a holding pattern and we're trying to move forward as best we can, but you know we've got to re evaluate or evaluate.

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Mike Bocchino: The areas that we've got in front of us, you know that we're looking at as we're doing with the park tonight, and you know satisfying all of the the needs and wishes of the Community, I mean, as you guys very well known, these regress civic Center it's not an easy task so.

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Mike Bocchino: We want to make sure that at the end of the day we do this right, and if that means you know.

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Mike Bocchino: The pace that we're going at is the pace, then we've got to do that, but it's it's so important, and yet it's also got to be done, specifically correct so unfortunately it's it's it's time consuming.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Having been in your shoes Mike you're absolutely right you're better off being right then then rushing ahead, but I feel your pain and.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you guys on that and um that's a good lead in for the civic Center i'll throw it over to Scott, but I think we're are we still moving ahead are we still on pace to break ground Scott next year.

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Scott Johnson: yeah asked around minnelli um so there's a couple of steps, one is next Thursday October 7 we're gonna have a meeting open to the public.

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Scott Johnson: Four o'clock at the Cone room on interiors for the civic Center.

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Scott Johnson: And that means we've never seen sketches proposals for mockups for interiors.

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Scott Johnson: Because last time we've ever few architects they getting started that so that's probably six months worth of work so we'll see it for the first time, and that means like you know wall coverings flooring lighting.

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Scott Johnson: walls, it also means skill, which is unresolved the exterior surfacing because the architects review port rejected the last.

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Scott Johnson: schematic for four bricks and servicing which is outside of the city Center So if you can buy, you can see that, but they rejected that so so new ones, have to come up that they have to approve, we have to approve on so they think it going on the interiors and I think it was in.

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Scott Johnson: October end of October, he starts to do detailed construction plans and specifications we have to final.

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Scott Johnson: Such a to release things for PT which should be okay on there's three conditions on that where we gave a business plan, which is good, and I think done.

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Scott Johnson: We have to have a review of the gift the gift process will start as soon as Fred tells us but i'm swimming October.

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Scott Johnson: And then we get we get going, when they see that the final package.

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Scott Johnson: We don't know the exact numbers because it hasn't been laid out for bid.

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Scott Johnson: So, so I think yeah it prepares con con target for the spring.

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Scott Johnson: It has planned good.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And that's good news about the interior, because I know that's something that you and I have been very adamant about making sure that it looks good both inside and out so that's great Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy I always put these two together because they're always us and we'll talk about benny and then piniella.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay um so just briefly benny I think the good news is that benny has now been.

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Nancy Chapin: Two storms and all the new plantings are doing great so I always have to always start with also kudos to staff, Dr Greg Kramer Darren wigglesworth and Java zone.

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Nancy Chapin: They you know it's just a great great project, I wanted to mention there to volunteer or three volunteer dates that we have work permits for.

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Nancy Chapin: They are October 8 eighth the 16th and November 20.

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Nancy Chapin: doing anything from working in biddy kitchell to working on the hillside annex and there's just a lot of people who are very interested in keeping that park looking as great as it really does right now so.

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Nancy Chapin: that's the news on benny any questions about benny before I move on to the next.

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Nancy Chapin: So then piniella pomerantz tuchman the sad news there is it really took a hit.

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Nancy Chapin: With the Hurricane Ida.

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Nancy Chapin: And I think for Darren was almost in tears, because all the work that he did on the dam project where was really starting to look great and and he and Greg work so hard to identify proper planting material all got washed downstream so.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, basically it's just a reminder it's a watercourse it runs upstream I think it's brothers brooke I may be wrong on that, but.

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Nancy Chapin: comes through the piney them skating What was it them skating pond and then it just keeps collecting more and more water and the Seton damn just couldn't hold it and.

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Nancy Chapin: Anyway, well, I should say the damn health, the damn health.

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Nancy Chapin: But the material the plantings behind the damn just got washed on stream, so we have a meeting that we will, I think it's October 12 will be discussing we've invited.

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Nancy Chapin: dp w and Jim michael's going to come and talk to us explain the next step because really what's going to happen now is dp w first has to do their work.

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Nancy Chapin: They are they're doing an engineering study to see what needs to happen to restore the original work that they had done and then parks and REC really has no nothing to do with this point until dp who steps in with our engineering steady.

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Nancy Chapin: On the plus side.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, keep going Darren and Greg you know they have plant material, and you know lot of the work we did do remove invasive in the park they're working on a planting plan to plant back.

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Nancy Chapin: The meadow looks great the trail through the meadow looks great the meadow is working as a sponge probably helped collect a lot of the water that would have gone further so.

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00:48:33.840 --> 00:48:42.240

Nancy Chapin: so bad news loss of material erosion lot of erosion in the park good news it's still an amazing park and people love it.

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Nancy Chapin: So any questions about that those three properties.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, all right.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy Thank you so much, before I open up to new business Joe i'm going to ask you a moderately loaded question, the question is, are we having a home football game this Saturday and how much do we have to do with that as parks and REC.

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Joe Siciliano: I can't answer your question about the home football game, I know that.

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Joe Siciliano: they're trying to get a temporary CEO that's what I heard this afternoon, through other parties and they'll make their decision tomorrow whether it's a go or no go.

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Joe Siciliano: And our parties just you know the continuance of the maintenance of the fields, and you know trash removal and things of that nature that we had a meeting this past week within Watson.

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Joe Siciliano: From the board of ED operations to work out the details and who you know roles responsibilities and ours are not going to change all that all that much even though he's going to be needing some to clarify some things about you know the.

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Joe Siciliano: bathrooms that permanent bathrooms permanent team rooms, the press box and a few other things, but that's all that's all under the direction of the board of education so.

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Joe Siciliano: But we did have a conversation just this week to kind of clarify that so but I can't tell you the answer I don't know.

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Joe Siciliano: Maybe some announcement based on whether they get a temporary certification to operate yeah.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright, thanks, Joe.

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Gary Dell'Abate: far as new business, I will step in.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So some of you probably heard and for those of you who haven't.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I am going, this will be my last meeting i've had some life changes, you know things change in life, and sometimes things happen and so i'll be stepping down from the board.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I have loved serving on here I got on this port 10 years ago to you know, one of my main goals was to.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Get the eastern granted civic Center going and I never I never imagined a million years it would take 10 years to at least get it started but i'm happy it's started, I want to thank, I had a rocky start but I had the great support and Joe from the beginning.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And sewer lenore have been great and I really want to give a shout out to the best co chair and when man anyone could ask for Scott.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I will miss all of you, but I will still i'm still around i'm not going anywhere and i'm going to help out with some other things and i'm around and I appreciate everything, and thank you, thank you very much.

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00:51:24.510 --> 00:51:24.930

Scott Johnson: Okay.

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Rick Loh: Thanks for everything you did here, thank.

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Scott Johnson: You, thank you, but but no thanks.

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Scott Johnson: So you know.

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Scott Johnson: there's a lot of you know, particularly Joe during the tough times if he's going to civic Center we were and other members of the committee, including Joe and others, we were in daily communication.

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Scott Johnson: Because it required it and the RCM meetings that district meetings and then the whole thing with GA F was just crazy so um I don't know if Kerry I guess carrier still on.

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Scott Johnson: I I had to send these talking points out to everybody, and you know gary's probably not a not a good reader of legal documents, but I said Kerry look at these are things we got to cover.

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Scott Johnson: Did you actually read what I sent you there.

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Scott Johnson: I mean, I know Karen did but um I then, so I went back, I was just thinking of because I was actually at your original nomination hearings at our tm now you remember it well, I remember well and it was hysterical because.

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Scott Johnson: there's at least two or three Members of your team, and we all know who they are, who thought this was going to turn into the.

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Scott Johnson: Howard stern show.

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Nancy Chapin: is on the RCM at that time I was on the board the ar 10 parks and REC committee and.

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Nancy Chapin: I remember that very well, and I also remember Gary reaching out to me I don't know if you remember that we had a phone call and I after speaking with Gary I supported your nomination and i'm glad I did you've done.

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Nancy Chapin: A lot of great work I hope you'll still be at the challenge party and.

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Gary Dell'Abate: That goes without saying, but.

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Gary Dell'Abate: It was funny because the whole idea of everybody wanting me not to be on the board with that I was going to talk about it every day and oddly I haven't talked about it a day since that day.

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Gary Dell'Abate: But, but I really you know when when Joe said we needed Joe said he needed somebody to chair to be the chairman, because I really don't want to do it and Scott, I agreed to do it together and we've done it together and now scott's very angry that i'm a bad thing.

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Scott Johnson: yeah Scott stuck.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Fine, thank you very much and it's one more.

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Scott Johnson: thing on that, because everyone again thought this was going to turn into a comedy show and the on page six of the post.

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Scott Johnson: But Gary I mean for those who don't know he's actually not even that funny right.

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Scott Johnson: So he was just a hard worker, not to mention, you know I call him and he'd be on seven other phone calls, at the same time and i'm not kidding.

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Scott Johnson: So I mean you know he wakes up at four o'clock in the morning I call them at seven he's on the air he goes hold on a second i'm on the air and it still takes my call.

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Scott Johnson: um, we have to plan what we're going to do, and then you know, thank God he's Italian because when we got to the arch him he didn't mind.

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Scott Johnson: giving people the grief that they've started to give him, and you know what we really needed that So there are a couple people in our team that would say things that are either not true, or just inaccurate and Gary not mad.

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Scott Johnson: And it was great.

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Scott Johnson: So I couldn't do that by Gary.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you all.

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Joe Siciliano: Thanks Gary.

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Gary not.

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Joe Siciliano: That easy, but thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, let's let's so let's move on, so public comment Liz Eckert has her hand up since we were talking and Liz I apologize, but let's pray listen so she can she's got a question, I believe.

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Liz Eckert: hi guys i'm not sure if lenore is still on but i'd love to have the buyer and veterans memorial tree grows backup so I can refer to it when i'm talking.

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Liz Eckert: she's still on.

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Joe Siciliano: The training there's one more song yeah.

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Liz Eckert: Really worry about that I had a big earlier and I know.

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Liz Eckert: It brought me down after i'd been on all all all that time.

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Joe Siciliano: There you go.

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Liz Eckert: Okay hi guys so i'm just full disclosure, my name is Liz Eckert i'm the vice, Chairman of the BIOME neighborhood association i'm on the district for our team i'm a member of the ring committee.

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Liz Eckert: And i'm a member of the buyer and veterans association.

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Liz Eckert: But tonight i'm speaking on behalf of my family tree number 14 in the lower left hand corner Corporal Donald replacing.

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Liz Eckert: um and that's exclusively when i'm speaking on behalf of and i'm not representing any of the other organizations tonight, so my question is.

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Liz Eckert: danny's tree a couple of years ago, Joe you know you were there yeah it came down in a freak storm and it was replaced it used to be in front of this place scape.

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Liz Eckert: And they moved it up, you know quite a few feet nets now inside this property line that we're seeing here, which is fine, but the lines awfully close to that tiny tree.

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Liz Eckert: Because it's a new tree and i'm just wondering what the setbacks, or if something does get built there, such as a rank or something else.

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Liz Eckert: That tree is going to grow, a lot more, and that seems like a really small amount of space between that tree and that line and i'm just wondering what that what that amount is and what the setbacks or.

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Liz Eckert: Well i'm, not just on East.

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Liz Eckert: tree it's the number six tree and i'm sorry I don't see his name is Donald stem statements.

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Liz Eckert: And then the number eight tree also seems to have a really close line in this park and I just want to also say thank you for doing this, but I do appreciate this, but I just have a question about the future of this park.

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Joe Siciliano: So so to answer your question is is that, after we agonized over this I don't think there is a there is a.

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Joe Siciliano: Active proposal that brings anything any any buildings on the side of the property, so I mean because we've kind of eliminated.

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Joe Siciliano: That part of it and we're really looking at the field side of the property i'm the setback, obviously, even when one of those schematics in the beginning of the five, I think there were.

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Joe Siciliano: Still was there was still able to not to overshadow the trees, so that the trees could be healthy and grow and mature on as far as the footage i'm not technically.

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Joe Siciliano: proficient enough to tell you that, how you know how many feet, but obviously you know we were we were when those schematics came out, we talked about them, not the building that overshadowing the tree, so that they would not be.

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Joe Siciliano: The growth of those trees and be stunted in any any way and their health of those trees so, but since we're not we're not there.

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Joe Siciliano: Those proposals, at least, to the best of my knowledge of kind of almost been disposed of it's probably not an issue at the moment, and it could be argued at the time, if it ever comes in the other direction, but.

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Liz Eckert: My concern is not really just this rank it's the future, you know these these trees are Memorial, and they need to be preserved, they need to be respected, and you know what about the next building that's not a ring you know, possibly throw in there.

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Joe Siciliano: Great Kramer around the call, which unfortunately is not he could technically tell us.

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Joe Siciliano: How many feet would have to be away from the drip line of the tree, I mean i've heard all these terminologies all this time terminology used my whole career i'm not technically proficient to tell you that, but there are some rules about trees, the root system, the drip line.

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Joe Siciliano: etc, how much sunlight, etc.

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Joe Siciliano: And i'm sure if anything were to be proposed here the tree warden would have a.

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Joe Siciliano: habit, have to be advised as to what might be acceptable, and not so that it doesn't do any kind of damage to the tree whatsoever so and unfortunately Greg is none other meeting so he can I can't I can't tell you that those distances, but.

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Liz Eckert: um well, I appreciate your effort, I just wanted to say that.

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Liz Eckert: I know.

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Liz Eckert: We got fired so.

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Joe Siciliano: thanks for your reference your comment is on the record and let's let's hope that we're not faced with that decision ever so uh you know we can we can move forward.

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Liz Eckert: All right, thank you Jeff.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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Liz Eckert: Thanks everybody.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you, thank you very much Karen has a question.

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Karen Fassuliotis: it's not so much a question, but a comment I just also wanted to thank you Gary for your service on the parks and REC forward, and it was a pleasure working with you, I think you were a little leery about me from the beginning, but you know I think we all work.

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Karen Fassuliotis: Very well together.

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Karen Fassuliotis: I don't think you really you really.

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Karen Fassuliotis: You were trying to get where I was coming from the beginning.

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Karen Fassuliotis: So I also wanted to say that I was with Fred yesterday and the the gift for the Eastern greater civic Center is planned to be on the October call for the rpm and there will be an announcement, he said, either this week or next week about it so.

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Karen Fassuliotis: The paperwork apparently has been signed and just wanted to alert you all about that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you Karen, thank you for the kind words and I was never leery of you one thing I will say is you were amazing when we're doing the civic Center and I never question you after you've read a document it's all up there.

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Karen Fassuliotis: Alright, thanks, and so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Is there any other unfinished business.

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Scott Johnson: carries it.

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Scott Johnson: This is, this is not stuff, we have to worry about, but there was a lot of phone calls correspondence on the new courage in Bruce Clarke.

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Scott Johnson: Not the green bridge, but the new road bridge.

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Scott Johnson: Because we received a whole bunch of questions and comments on.

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Scott Johnson: A lot of the building materials during the storm and otherwise wash down and into the shellfish beds and fishing beds there so.

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Scott Johnson: I contacted susie baker and the conservation people Sarah.

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Scott Johnson: And it first of all, they confirmed that they did review that whole project was originally planned so there's a fish ladder there, and there was.

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Scott Johnson: protections in theory and limitations on damaging shellfish beds unfortunately IDA challenged all that So if you drive by there now in low times you'll see.

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Scott Johnson: there's huge blocks all over the place, so i'm going to be removing a lot of that they're going to be protecting it.

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Scott Johnson: So susie just wanted me to mention that they're on it, and it should ultimately be okay not right away, but when they get the construction of further along, so it should be okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you, thank you Scott and before we adjourn I just want to address scott's comment about whether i'm funny or not I tell you what I tell my kids and my wife, every time they say the same thing to me i'm the only one here that gets paid to be funny.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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Scott Johnson: alright.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thanks everybody.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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Frank Di vincenzo: Thank you.

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Mike Bocchino: Good evening thanks again good night.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: yeah man everyone.