



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Dennis Mahoney, Chair

Raven Matherne, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: This meeting was held remotely

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance was Vice Chair Matherne and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, and Wallace. Excused were Chair Mahoney and Rep. Policar. Absent were Reps. Pratt and Saftic. Also present was Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; Laurie Albano, Recreation Superintendent; Chris Dellaselva, Law Dept.; Terry Drew, Youth Services Director; and 23 members of the public.

Vice Chair Matherne called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
11. PR30.064	RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement by and between the City of Stamford and Zody's 19th Hole, LLC at E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course. 04/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/23/21 – Approved by Planning Board 04/08/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 5-0-0

Vice Chair Matherne noted that if there is anyone who was not able to sign up for the public hearing they are welcomed to reach out to their Representatives or the Committee Members via email or phone call. Additionally there was an email sent to the Board Office this afternoon regarding this item and it has been forwarded to the Committee.

Vice Chair Matherne opened the Public Hearing. There being no one from the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. McGrath gave an update on this item and there was discussion.

- The rent has increased to \$86,000 per year for the next five years (up from \$81,945 previously).
- Starting in Year Six of the agreement, the CPI index will be used to calculate the increase in rent. (This is a measurement the Federal government uses to calculate inflation).

¹ Video Time Stamp: Part 1 00:01:28

- Mr. Zody will invest over \$125,000 of his own money for restoration of the premises, including upgrading/updating inside the facility as well as extending the outside patio.
- Some of the Committee members expressed that Mr. Zody has done a very good job with the restaurant and he is an asset to the Stamford community.
- A question was asked as to what happens if Mr. Zody invests money for the restoration and the City needs to take the property for another use. Mr. Dellaselva explained it would be the same as with any property owner. There would be a value to the remaining lease term, and it would most likely be a court action as with any other property owner.

Vice Chair Matherne called a recess at 7:26pm to attempt to obtain a quorum, as Rep. Wallace was having technical issues getting into the meeting.

²At 7:35pm Vice Chair Matherne reconvened the meeting. Rep. Wallace was now in the meeting and there was a quorum.

A motion to approve item PR30.064 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Matherne, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, and Wallace in favor).

Under a Suspension of Rules:

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| <p>³2. PR30.065 APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Experiential Systems (ES) for the Repair/Rebuild of the Scalzi Park Ropes-Challenge Course (Amount of Agreement: \$123,744.00; see backup for additional terms)
04/16/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
04/08/21 – Bid Waiver Approved by Board of Finance
--/--/21 – To be Considered by Board of Finance</p> | <p>Approved,
Contingent
on Board of
Finance Approval,
5-0-0</p> |
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A motion to suspend the rules to take up item PR30.065 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Matherne, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, and Wallace in favor).

Mr. McGrath and Ms. Drew explained this item and there was a brief discussion.

- This is a uniquely designed course that challenges the youth of Stamford. It was destroyed during Storm Isaias last year.
- The original designer/manufacturer is repairing it.
- The Board of Finance approved only the bid waiver, as the agreement was not yet ready. The agreement will go before the Board of Finance next week.
- The course is used in a summer program by 200 middle school students daily.

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- It was not put out to bid because it needed to be expedited so the students could use it by the beginning of summer. It is expected to be up and running by the end of June.

A motion to approve item PR30.065, contingent upon the BOF approving it, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Matherne, Aquila, de la Cruz, Giordano, and Wallace in favor).

Vice Chair Matherne adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Raven Matherne, Vice Chair

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)).