Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Daniel R. Sandford, Chair John Pelliccia, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Operations, Parks and Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia, and Committee Member Reps. Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, and Zachary. Excused was Rep. Salas. Also in attendance were ex-officio member Reps. Bouchard, Camporeale, Johnson, Shaw, and Shore; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Richard Johnson, Terry Connors Ice Rink Manager; Attorneys Chris Dellaselva and John Harness, Legal Department; and members of the public.

Chair Sandford called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. OPR32.021	**RESOLUTION and public hearing;** Approval of an agreement with Snack Isle LLC for a License and Operator Agreement for Terry Conners Ice Rink 10/02/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **11/12/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-0-0**	**MOTION TO APPROVE 8-0-0**

Chair Sandford opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. One person spoke in favor of the resolution. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak Chair Sandford closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Johnson gave an overview of this item. Terry Connors Ice Rink has been without a concessionaire since March 2020. It is a highly requested amenity by user groups. All other area ice rinks have some form of concession. This is an excellent ice rink but it needs to stay competitive.

The lease is $9,000 for the first two years and $10,000 for the third year, with 3% increases each year afterwards.

The City will maintain the water service, the vendor will pay for gas, electrical, and sewer.

A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia, and Reps. Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, and Zachary in favor.

2. OPR32.023 **REVIEW;** Lione Park Renovations - Project Status and Progress to Date
11/04/2026 – Submitted by Rep. Walston

MOTION TO RECOMMIT 8-0-0

Due to the unavailability of some of the speakers on this item, a motion to recommit Item #2 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Sandford, Vice Chair Pelliccia, and Reps. Beckham, Bradford, Didelot, Finkel, Gardner, and Zachary in favor.

3. OPR32.022 **REVIEW;** Cummings park tree removal and park land associated with it
11/04/2026 – Submitted by Reps. Camporeale, Bouchard, and Shore

REPORT MADE

Rep. Shore provided a detailed chronology of the Cummings Park tree removal issue, explaining that approximately 20 mature invasive trees are scheduled for demolition as part of a condominium conversion project. A roadway is being moved several feet, encroaching on park property. The Parks and Recreation Commission was not notified. A hold has been placed on the tree removal. A public hearing will be scheduled so the public can voice their concerns.

Attorney Harness gave a thorough explanation of the legalities of the tree removal and increased roadway. The process was followed correctly. This is neither a sale, nor a transfer, nor a gift. The City of Stamford is applying one piece of its property to another. Under Section C6120-3 of the Charter, this process does not require a public hearing or replacement land.

There was discussion and a report was made.

Chair Sandford adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Sandford, Chair

This meeting is on video.