

**STAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Staffordville School & Zoom Video Conference**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: Wednesday March 11, 2026**

**Members:** Chairman - Dave Bachiochi, Secretary - open, Harold Blake Hatch, Tom Topping, Bill Utermarck, Jose Scarpa, James Talamini, Steve Munn

**Members Present:** Dave Bachiochi, Harold Blake Hatch, James Talamini, Jose (Pepe) Scarpa, Steve Munn

**Members Absent:** Tom Topping, Bill Utermarck

**Recreation Director:** (Open)

**Guests Present (in person):** Nick Boudreau, Nick Trainor, David A Bachiochi

- 1.) **Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with five (5) members present (Four in the room, one on Zoom) and three guests present in the room. We did NOT enable audio recording or an effective Zoom transmission of the meeting due to technical issues.  
\*\*- Regarding one other point of order, all draft documents are uploaded to the following working link [Stafford Recreation](https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1439549) (https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1439549) to facilitate discussion within the meeting as well as outside of the meeting. Each document will be published with the meeting minutes on the town website when appropriate once finalized.
- 2.) **Review and Accept Minutes** from previous meeting (01/14)
  - a. On a **MOTION** by Pepe, seconded by Blake, the minutes of the January 14, 2026 commission meeting were approved unanimously.
- 3.) **Public Comment & Correspondence:**
  - a. Nick B raised a concern about getting some field landscaping work done by the Parks department, who expressed some reluctance to take on the large task. There are some safety concerns cropping up that this work will fix Dave B volunteered to follow up with J. Whetton.
  - b. Nick T informed the board that there is a substantial migration underway between now and July from SportsConnect to Playmetrics. This is the registration platform in use today by at least three of our youth sports organizations. Dave had just been informed recently from the soccer leadership and met with a Playmetrics rep to better understand what the new platform is going to look like.
- 4.) **Old Business:**
  - a. **Rec Budget negotiations:** The budget was submitted including the additional funding requests per our previous meeting. Dave was invited to present the Recreation Commission budget and answer questions at the Feb 4 Selectman's meeting. **Update:** The funding requested has been included with the Selectman's budget that will be presented at the April 7 Public Hearing. Recreation Commission presence has been requested to answer questions that may arise.

**Schedule of Regular Meetings for CY 2026 (2nd Wednesday except July and August):**  
*Jan 14, ~~Feb 11~~, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 9*

- b. **Recreation Director Approaches:** Several approaches to establishing a Rec Director have been outlined. Dave has indicated that the Rec Commission will fully endorse a part time director approach when such an opportunity presents itself. Steve posited that the proposed Pathways program in the Stafford Schools system might be a future source of Rec Director candidates!
- c. **Youth Sports Registration Calendar \*\*** for town website. Dave indicated that he expects a substantial update to StaffordSports.org web page to be published soon.
- d. **Youth Sports Reporting Governance (activity inventory plus financials) \*\*** Dave has requested that each youth sports program submit their information as requested in the governance document. The offer stands to meet individually with any organization that wants help with completing the request. Several organizations are working and Dave continues to reach out to make sure all understand what is expected and when.

**5.) New Business:**

- a. **Enabling Summer Rec Swimming instruction:** Tabled until next month.
- b. **Long Term Recreation Strategy:** This exercise continues to be of active interest. We do want to lay out a strategic approach to providing recreation activities and facilities. Developing a whole new outdoor surface to use, a new turf field, finding places for disc golf, skateparks, field lighting, indoor and outdoor pickleball, etc. are all in play.

**6.) Future Business Topics**

- a. **Active engagement to increase youth sports/activities enrollments:**
- b. **Collaboration with nearby towns for programs not offered in Stafford:**
- c. **Staffordville School & Recreation activities public discussion:**

**7.) Adjourn**

- a. Dave indicated that our next meeting scheduled will be Wednesday April 8, 2026. On a **MOTION** by James, seconded by Steve, the commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Bachiochi, Acting Recording Secretary

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Signature

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Date