

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting  
April 21, 2026  
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

**1.Call to Order:** Jim called the meeting to order at 7:31pm with the following in attendance:Jim Duffield (Chair), Bill Burley, Glenn Johnson, Chris Smalley, Jeremy Burr, Donna Clark and Chris Swiss.

**2.Secretary's Report:** \*Glenn made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes, Bill seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention, Jeremy Burr.

**3.Visitors:** Amanda Brackett and Eric Couture

#### **4.Bills, Applications and Communications**

##### Bills

- 1.Gatekeeping, Kristen Malin \$210.00, Auer  
Anthony Carri, \$280.00, Sheldon
- 2.Sweitzer, Sheldon \$177.02  
Rocco \$119.90  
Auer \$177.02  
Bethke \$67.20
- 3.Eversource, Sheldon \$57.09  
Auer \$50.27
- 4.Clean Restrooms, Auer \$315.00  
Rocco \$95.00  
Sheldon \$225.00

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

##### Applications

- 1.Horseshoes, Sheldon, 5/2-9/10 Tues. and Thurs. 5:30-9pm
- 2.HKRec, tennis lessons, Sheldon, 6/4-7/9, Thurs., 5-6pm and 6-7pm
- 3.HKRec, soccer, Auer, Tues. 7/7-7/28, 5-7:15pm, field 1  
M and F, 7/27-7/31 9-12pm, soccer camp
- 4.HKRec, Pickleball 101, Rocco, 4/20,22,27,29, 3:30-5:30pm  
Kids Pickleball, Rocco, 5/2-5/21, 3-4:30pm

**\*Chris Smalley made a motion to approve the applications, Chris Swiss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**5.Treasurer's Report:** Chris Swiss presented, just under 50% of budget spent, \$60,128.00 of \$128.490.00.

## 6. Old Business

1. Breakers- There was an extensive discussion regarding the Breakers field usage and payment plan. Jim summarized and presented their field usage schedule from 2025, 26 time slots/week @ \$25.00 per slot, totaling \$10,675.00 for previous seasons. Also submitted an email from the Breakers disputing the breakdown of previous field usage. The Breakers have not used the fields this spring. Discussed options for field scheduling, billing, duration of negotiations, the need to offset costs for field maintenance, timing of field maintenance, other town's policies, sharing fields with HKLL, communication with the Breakers and ways to move forward with an agreement.  
**\*Jeremy made a motion to continue to hold the Breakers accountable for the revised invoice (Challengers discount, no batting cages charge) for previous seasons field use, \$10,675.00, in order to proceed to an agreement for 2026. Glenn seconded the motion and it passed with Chris Swiss abstaining.**  
Jim will provide information to the Breakers for potential field use after the invoice is paid in full.
2. Pickleball courts- The fence along Recycle Way has not been completed, Glenn will contact the contractor. Discussed grass seed etc, by town crew.
3. Bethke-sinkhole repair in progress, discussed fence covering.
4. Auer
  - gravel around the pavilion.
  - South Field, still working on the infield, there has been a stone wall collapse, some erosion in the embankment, rocks and roots in the outfield.
  - York raking needed, lime, fertilizer and seed.
  - The Irrigation install is delayed until July due to lack of a contractor. Seed before irrigation is installed?
  - Walkway project to reclaim and repave discussed. Jim asked Glenn to provide specs for the project including a walkway to the pavilion. Discussed adding two more handicapped parking spaces closer to the walkway.
5. The signs have been acquired, to be installed by the town crew.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark