

**COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

The Coventry Parks & Recreation Commission held a special meeting on Thursday March 12, 2026, at Mill Brook Place. Jennifer Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**Members Present:** Jennifer Rodgers, Bev Carlson, Jillian Miner, Bob Martin, McKenna Considine, Ashlee Pascarelli and Simon Hecht

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Lesley Munshower, Director of Parks & Recreation, Megan Yanez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

**Audience of Citizens:** None

**Acceptance of Minutes:** February 12, 2026

**Motion:** M. Considine motioned to approve February 12, 2026, meeting minutes J. Miner second, voted into affirmative by J. Rodgers, B. Carlson, B. Martin, M. Considine and J. Miner. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Chair's Remarks:** J. Rodgers welcomed Simon Hecht to the Commission and congratulated McKenna Considine for becoming a seated member. Commission members introduced themselves. J. Rodgers is looking forward to the coming year for the Commission.

**Staff Report:** A staff report was handed out to Commission members, see attached. The report was read to the Commission by L. Munshower and M. Yanez.

- B. Carlson commented on how nice the new fencing looks at Miller Richardson.
- B. Carlson inquired about the furnace issues at Mill Brook and if they had been fixed. L. Munshower reported the furnace couldn't keep up with the extreme cold, space heaters were brought in at the approval of the Fire Chief to help during the extreme cold days.
- M. Yanez gave update on Someone Special Dance. The DJ double booked and didn't show. Members of the community stepped in and helped make the event a success. Special thanks to McKenna Considine, Madisen Yanez, Meg Mark and the Polhemus Family. We are looking into purchasing our own lighting and providing an in-house DJ and lighting for future events.
- M. Yanez spoke on camp numbers and the need to add more camper spots for the Trailblazer group and looking into adding a group to Explorers grades 2-5. There is a concern for inclement weather days and the capacity of indoor space. J. Rodgers asked if we could move to a school building for inclement weather days. L. Munshower stated we have had internal conversations on the logistics of that for the future.

**Old Business: Patriots Park STEAP Project Update**

- L. Munshower reported the Playscape bid went out to DECO for approval 2 weeks ago. Waiting for final confirmation. Bid should go live next week. We are hopeful the bid will be awarded by April and the construction of the new playscape will be completed by the end of June.
- Wetlands approved the water circulator of Patriots Park swim area. GZA has provided design and price, and the project should be completed by Memorial Day.

**New Business:** Appointment of Officers

**Motion:** J. Miner motioned to appoint Jen Rodgers as the Chair of the Parks and Rec Commission, B. Carlson second, voted into affirmative by J. Rodgers, B. Carlson, B. Martin, M. Considine and J. Miner. Motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Rodgers motioned to appoint Jillian Miner as the Vice Chair of the Parks and Rec Commission, M. Considine second, voted into affirmative by J. Rodgers, B. Carlson, B. Martin, M. Considine and J. Miner. Motion passed.

**Motion:** J. Miner motioned to appoint Bob Martin as the Secretary for the Parks and Rec Commission, M. Considine second, voted into affirmative by J. Rodgers, B. Carlson, B. Martin, M. Considine and J. Miner. Motion passed.

J. Miner inquired about Beach Sticker prices asking if it has gone out to the public. L. Munshower reported it will be in 06238 and it is in the budget for 2026-2027. L. Munshower has spoken to Human Services about offering a discount for established clients.

B. Carlson asked for more information on CLCR MOU and Sailing/Crew update and more information on the status of the boathouse UConn is occupying. L. Munshower stated the UCONN Women's Crew contract will expire in December 2026.

B. Carlson also asked if there have been any updates regarding Dan Eddy and The Coventry Lake Aquatics Foundation, L. Munshower reported there have been no updates.

**Adjourn:** With no other business to discuss, Jennifer Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Yanez

**Please note:** These minutes are not official until approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission at the next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. Please see the next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for approval or changes to these minutes.