

Park, Beach and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
September 6, 2006

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr. Chairman  
James Belluscio, Commissioner  
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner  
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman  
Jacqueline Munk, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Rep.

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director  
Joseph Garbus, Alderman  
Kerri Rowland, Alderwoman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their August meeting on September 6, 2006 in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on August 2, 2006.

Commissioner Belluscio moved and Commissioner Munk seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Statement

None.

VII New Business

Chairman Worroll stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward Item 1.

Commissioner Belluscio and Commissioner Munk moved to re-order the agenda and bring forward Item 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Worroll read a letter dated September 6, 2006 from Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr. in support of the Milford Legacy Arboretum.

Mr. S. Wing stated he was speaking on behalf of the Milford Tree Commission and introduced Mary Ludwig, President of Milford Trees, Inc. and Ed Vaughn, the designer of the project. Mr. Wing stated they were seeking permission to use portions of public land in Milford in the proposed Arboretum areas, namely the Milford Green, lower Duck Pond, City Hall area, upper Duck Pond area on North Street and the area around the Parsons Complex. He went on to explain what the plan entails and that it would beautify the City. Mr. Wing deferred to Ms. Ludwig.

Ms. Ludwig distributed information regarding Milford Tree Programs for 2006 and a brochure of Milford's Downtown Trees: A Walking Tour. She went on with her presentation

and spoke of the reasons why an Arboretum would benefit Milford, including beautifying the City, economics, etc. She also explained the mission of the Arboretum and spoke of the grant. She introduced Mr. Ed. Vaughn designer of the Program.

Mr. Vaughn spoke regarding the adoption of the Arboretum and the programs that could be established. He also told a story of the history of trees/plantings and continues with his presentation of the types of trees and locations of some of the plantings.

Mr. Wing stated thanked the Commission for their time and stated they would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Worroll asked about a timeframe and if it would be done in sections.

Mr. Wing stated they would begin now. He stated from time to time they receive requests from people who wish to plan a tree in memory of someone who has died. He also spoke of replacing trees damaged by storms and any that just die. He stated they were ready to go forward now.

Chairman Worroll commented in the past whenever anyone wished to plan a tree this Commission was notified. He stated he thought it was a fantastic plan and asked if they would be notified everytime a tree was planted.

Commissioner Fabian also spoke of being notified in the past and asked if that would continue. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Worroll asked that a member contact them when the planting begins. He also asked if it is Public Works that does it.

Ms. Ludwig replied yes, that Public Works digs the hole and then backfills it and that it is done for safety reasons.

Chairman Worroll that the Tree Commission for their presentation and asked they file a general update with this Commission.

Director McCarthy commented on one of the handouts noting the mention of a Tree Ordinance and stated he would like to see it.

Mr. Wing replied it is a work in progress at this time. He stated with this plan there are specific recommendations and this tool would serve everybody and things would get better. He also spoke of the difficult of controlling exactly when things get planted.

Commissioner Fabian and Commission Belluscio made and seconded a motion to approve of the Arboretum as presented this evening. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Worroll stated it's a great plan that would work out well for all.

### III Correspondence

1. Director McCarthy reported he received correspondence from Ralph Malafronte on behalf of the daughter of Wally Evans regarding the “Wally Evans Field” sign removal. Director McCarthy explained the backstop had been removed which included the sign. He stated it would be replaced and they requested from Public Works that it be cleaned up and then put back.
2. Director McCarthy reported he received an e-mail from Nanci Seltzer thanking the Commission for all their help. He stated she also requested the use of Grove circle for 2007. He stated he explained to Ms. Seltzer the policy not to issue any permits until after the first of January.
3. Director McCarthy reported he received a visit, e-mail and telephone calls from Ms. K. Jaser regarding the curfew at Trubee Doolittle Park complaining the kids were congregating there creating noise after 10:00 p.m. He stated she requested signs be put up. Mr. McCarthy stated he contacted the Borough Warden as well as B. Kolwicz from Public Works and signs have been posted at the parking, which will enable the police department to enforce the Ordinance. He stated he also called Ms. Jaser to inform her of what had been done.
4. Director McCarthy reported he received an e-mail from T. Cilino who asked about the policy regarding use of the green. He explained she is one of two vendors in the downtown area who have paid a fee and that she has a mobile hot dog cart and she was requesting to put her cart on the green. He stated he told her he would bring her request to the Commission. He stated she would like to stay within the food court and explained that area. After a brief discussion Director McCarthy explained if there were a blanket holder for the green such as the arts and craft shows she would have to go through that individual.

Chairman Worroll stated he did not have a problem with it based on the fact she is a permit holder.

5. Director McCarthy reported he received an e-mail from PED identifying the number of signs they will need from Public Works. He stated they received a commitment from Public Works to post the signs for the PED group.

### IV Director’s Report

1. Director McCarthy reported the new gym floor has had some problems with some buckling. He stated that Public Works has been working on trying to eliminate moisture. He explained the couplings used for the volleyball nets and that they learned the floor had shifted somewhat. He stated they were getting an assessment of the floor. He also explained it is Public Works that oversees the maintenance of the Parsons floor as well as playgrounds, ball fields, etc.

Commissioner Fabian stated she wished to clarify that Director McCarthy stated the floor was buckling and Director McCarthy responded yes and explained.

Commissioner Fabian asked if it would be an issue for basketball or any other sport. Director McCarthy responded no.

2. Director McCarthy reported the fundraiser on behalf of the Recreation Department would be held this Saturday, September 9, 2006 at Fowler Field with profits going to benefit AMR.

Chairman Worroll noted the Recreation Department had received a Certificate of Achievement, which confirms the garden is an official National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat site. Director McCarthy noted they have applied for this before but had been rejected.

3. Director McCarthy reported the softball season is finally winding down and that it has been a little slower than normal because of the rain. Commissioner Fabian commented about the condition of the softball fields and also thanked the Recreation Department for moving the tournaments. She stated something has to be done with regard to better communication in getting and keeping the fields that are to be used maintained.
4. Director McCarthy reported beach season would come to an end on Labor Day and that it had been an uneventful year.
5. Director McCarthy reported after doing some research he gave Lauralton Hall an approval to post signs for their recruitment.
6. Director McCarthy reported the Summer Playground Program and Camp happiness had a complimentary year and that rain and excessive heat were their worst enemies but they weathered them to the best of their ability. He explained the six sites.
7. Director McCarthy reported registration is ongoing for the annual tennis tournament.
8. Director McCarthy reported the Shoreline and Pop Warner football leagues were underway as well as Wasson and M.U.S.C. leagues. He stated they had a slight problem with scheduling but it has been rectified.
9. Director McCarthy reported the City would be acquiring property adjacent to the YMCA and that it would be an asset and a great fit.

## V Commissioner Reports

Chairman Worroll reported there were several upcoming events. The annual Engine 260 Muster will be held on September 16, 2006 at Eisenhower Park and that the proceeds benefit Camp Happiness. He reported the clubhouse at the Orchards would be dedicated on September 24, 2006 to the late John Casey, the former City Engineer and designer of the clubhouse. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Worroll reported the annual FOS/FOF event would take place on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at Fowler Field and that the first Irish Festival would be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at Fowler Field from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and finally he reported the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities annual dinner and awards ceremony would take place on Friday, September 29, 2006 at Grassy Hill Country Club.

Chairman Worroll also reported the Golf Commission is doing fine although rounds are down slightly due to the weather.

## VI Old Business

1. Posting of PBR meetings – Director McCarthy reported he has notified the City Clerk's Office and Mayor's Office and still nothing has happened. He stated he would notify them again. He also stated he would have the secretary notify the newspapers.

Chairman Worroll also noted that all agenda's and minutes will now be on the City's web site.

Commissioner Fabian asked about a calendar of events for the Recreation Department.

Director McCarthy replied he was hoping to have that in the near future.

2. Andrew Avenue playground – Chairman Worroll reported he checked with Mr. Gregory and that there is no money available for this park and that based on the income median for that area no block grant money is available.

Director McCarthy stated he would make every effort to continue to work on this.

Chairman Worroll expressed concern this area had been an opportunity for grant money and no longer is so now it is this Commission's responsibility.

Commissioner Belluscio asked about movies on the green.

Director McCarthy replied the individual that had expressed an interest had not made any contact with his department since her earlier inquiry.

## VII New Business

3. ERA Property World – Director McCarthy reported he had received a request from Kitty Nelson to use the parking lot at Walnut Beach for two busses on September 21, 2006.

Commissioner Belluscio moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded a motion to approve the request for two buses on September 21, 2006 at the Walnut Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Worroll stated he received a memorandum from Mayor Richetelli dated September 5, 2006 requesting the re-naming and dedication of the Davenport Avenue (Green) Playground as the “Corporal Jordan C. Pierson Memorial Park”. Chairman Worroll read the memo.

Commissioner Fabian moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded a motion to add New Business to the agenda regarding the Davenport Avenue (Green) Playground. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Worroll moved and Commissioner Munk moved to approve the request to re-name and dedicate the Davenport Avenue (Green) Playground as the “Corporal Jordan C. Pierson Memorial Park”. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Belluscio reiterated the Fireman’s Muster is Saturday and encouraged his fellow Commissioners to attend. He also commented that this Commission approves a lot of memorials and rightfully so. He suggested a generic monument in which names could be added to it appropriately.

The next meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room C of the Parson’s Government Complex.

Commission Belluscio moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary, Acting for  
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