

**Park, Beach and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2012**

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr. Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Anthony Giannattasio, Alderman

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director
Janet Golden, Alderman

Excused:

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission had their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Center. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Due to the transition of the Board Paul Piscitelli would like to entertain a motion to move the election to the February 1, 2012 meeting at which time the full board will be seated. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman

Paul Piscitelli would like to entertain a motion to elect a temporary chairperson. Kerri Rowland & Ann Fabian made a motion to nominate Daniel Worroll to be temporary chair. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on December 7, 2011.

Motion to accept minutes carried unanimously.

III. Public Statement: None.

IV. Correspondence: None.

V. Director's Report

- a. Paul Piscitelli at his last budget meeting with the Mayor in December reported that there was a slight decrease in overall budget, which works out to be roughly 2%, but nothing that should not negatively impact the operations. Finance Budget will be in middle of February and he will keep Commission posted.
- b. Tree planting that was approved in November over at West Shore has taken place and all the trees are in and they look like they are taking. Will definitely enhance that area.
- c. Salmon flyer handed out with Winter Programs.
- d. The number of facility permits issued every year, as you see this year total 82 permits to organizations / individuals to use recreation facilities Also, total number of sign permits issued at other locations.

VI. Commissioner Reports

- a. Golf course committee new management company in; they will be taking over as soon as the Board of Aldermen approves the contract. During the transition time from the old management company to the new management company they asked the Recreation Department to sell gift

certificates. These will be sold year round so people in the building and inter-office will have the opportunity to purchase.

- b. Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee is 90% finished. Basic clean up; move concrete blocks for curbing drains had some problems. Public Works said drains were cleaned a week ago.
- c. Bench Dedication: a woman is contacting Paul Piscitelli every 3 months about status. Her parents live in Heritage Sound and want to get a bench, we have a spot, hopefully in the spring. It would be good if she could pay ahead so we can order and then it can be done in the spring. Ed Cronin, Public Works, put the Jafar bench together and was ready to install it. Ann Fabian let Public Works know that family wants to wait to install it in May. Vice Chairman Ann Fabian suggests taking money now if people want to put benches in. Save last spot, "primo location" and move on our way. Paul Piscitelli stated that the woman he spoke to is looking for eastern most bench closer to Heritage Sound entrance.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- a. Daniel Worroll stated that Pat Dooling and Sharon Fowler did a great job while they were here, they did a great job on the committee, and they were a very important part of this Commission. They had many good ideas. He hopes that the new people do as good a job and for the record you all do a good job.

VIII. New Business

- a. Paul Piscitelli received a letter from Denise Morris Curt, she will not be doing a show this year. She will submit a permit after 1/1/2013 when she has her 50th jubilee. This is due to economic times.
- b. Kerri Rowland questioned Denise Morris Curt being issued a permit. She took a year off, she was grandfathered in, and this is for people who had long standing. She is a "for profit" and how much sales came back to Recreation Department. Thought we only gave permits for public places to non-profit organizations. Public places only available to non profit organizations, she was getting loop hold because she did it year after year, why we encouraged her, if this is like a sabbatical we can make that extension available to her. Getting low rate to rent facilities and she is making money we should discourage that, not give taxpayer property money away for other people to make money off of. Paul Piscitelli said Denise Morris Curt was charged \$100 daily use fee and also had to pay her associated vendor fees with Police Department. No percentages given to Recreation Department, Paul Piscitelli agrees with Kerri Rowland, not a policy that we want to continue to, make an acknowledgement that this is a 1-year sabbatical. Is she only doing this for her 50th year? Do not want it to be past practice in the future to someone out of state that we are not making the same deal. Kerri Rowland wants to state there is a history of discussing this, she does not have a problem renting to out of state or for profit, and we need to address how they are going to handle the change. There must be something in writing that you are a Milford resident citizen fee and out of town fee. Kerri Rowland said we should look at the policies, asking Paul Piscitelli if he could look into that. Castleberry Fair Festival called to see if we received packet in the mail of their application. Paul Piscitelli did not get packet yet. Paul Piscitelli stated we have a policy that states we only rent to Milford residents and will research current policy and fee structure of surrounding towns.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Fabian and Kerri Rowland made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Paul, Recording Secretary

(Note: Minutes are in draft form until approved by the Commission at their next meeting)