

**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2017**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Conference Room C (Ansantawae Room). Director Piscitelli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

D. Worroll
A. Fabian
F. Shashinka
K. Rowland

Also Present

P. Piscitelli, Director
Ald. B. Bevan

Excused: Commissioner F. Giustino

Absent: Ald. N. Veccharelli, Public Works Representative

Election of Officers

Director Piscitelli stated he would begin with nominations of officers. He stated he would entertain a motion for chairman.

Commissioner Rowland moved to nominate Dan Worroll to serve as chairman. She stated for the record he has done a fantastic job and that he would continue to do a fantastic job.

Commissioner Fabian seconded the nomination, echoing the comments of Commissioner Rowland.

Hearing no other nominations for Chairman, nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Piscitelli turned the meeting over to Chairman Worroll.

Chairman Worroll stated he would entertain nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Rowland moved to nominated Commissioner Fabian to serve as Vice Chairman, adding she too has done a fantastic job.

Commissioner Shashinka seconded the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations for Vice Chairman, nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting

Commissioners' Shashinka and Fabian made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence

None.

Director's Report

a) Turf Fields Project - Director Piscitelli reported progress continues. He stated the building is in place and that the roofing is being done this week. He is hopeful the turf on the field closest to the street will be installed next week, weather permitting. Director Piscitelli stated there is no tentative opening day or ceremony at this point.

Commissioner Reports

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported stated the golf course is open on and off depending on weather. He also reported some damage occurred to the clubhouse.

b) Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian reported she spoke with Gary Johnson about the Morningside bench. She suggested keeping the bench the same style as the other benches in that area.

Director Piscitelli added, the Morningside Association would appreciate keeping consistency in that area.

Vice Chairman Fabian stated she would keep the commission up to date.

Director Piscitelli stated he has had a number of inquiries in light of the recent article in the Milford Mirror.

Unfinished Business:

a) Community Gardens Follow-up RE: Alexandra Sestokaite's letter.
Director Piscitelli stated Ms Ball, the program administrator was present tonight to answer any questions the commissioners may have.

Vice Chairman asked about costs regarding seniors.

Director Piscitelli stated there is no reduction in fee for seniors. He added it is consistent with all recreation programs.

Ms. Ball pointed out there is a \$5.00 fee for non-residents, and that no priority is given to non-residents. She continued with an explanation of the plot. She also spoke regarding the gate situation, stating safety being the key. She stated the gates are new as of 2013 and explained how gardeners were notified.

Vice Chairman Fabian asked if all the gates were replaced.

Ms. Ball explained the gates with safety issues were replaced and continues to be replaced as needed. She continued with an explanation of each of the items raised in Ms. Sestokaite's letter. She also noted that Milford's fees are the lowest among surrounding towns. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Worroll recognized Ms. Ball for the outstanding work she has done at the gardens.

Director Piscitelli stated he would send a letter to Ms. Sestokaite regarding the Board's findings.

New Business

a) Approval of 2017 meeting schedule.

Commissioners' Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners' Fabian and Rowland moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary