

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2009

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Suzanne DiBiase, Commissioner
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Judith Toohey, Alderman
Jessica Blacketter, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their January meeting on January 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

I. Election of Officers: Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Worroll asked for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to nominate Dan Worroll for Chairman to the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Worroll asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to nominate Ann Fabian for Vice Chairman to the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner DiBiase and unanimously carried.

Chairman Worroll congratulated Commissioner DiBiase and Commissioner Dooling on being reappointed to the Commission.

II. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on December 3, 2008.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to accept the December 3, 2008 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

III. Public Statement

Judith Toohey, 59 Ruth Ann Terrace - Would like to commend this board for everything they do and have done. The Commission and the Recreation Department work hard and continue to grow every year. Mrs. Toohey would like to say "Thank You".

Chairman Worroll thanked Mrs. Toohey for her praises and for the great job she does as liaison to the Commission.

Director McCarthy thanked Chairman Worroll and Alderman Toohey and congratulated the commissioners on their re-appointment.

IV. Correspondence

1. Director McCarthy received a letter from Goodie's requesting permission to renew the lease to run the Gulf Beach refreshment stand once again this year.

Commissioner Rowland inquired as to the procedure regarding the lease. Chairman Worroll and Director McCarthy explained that it goes for bid every 3 years.

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Commissioner Dooling inquired as to whether the Dumpster issues had been resolved. Director McCarthy Reported that they had been taken care of.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to renew the lease at Gulf Beach with Goodies. Seconded by Commissioner DiBiase and unanimously carried.

2. Director McCarthy received a letter from Mark Lofthouse requesting use of the Eisenhower Park main lodge for the Boy Scouts as a base of operations for Merit Badge classes and Scout Service Projects.

Mr. Lofthouse gave a brief explanation of what the Scouts would be doing there. He informed that Commission that they would like to use the building on Saturdays with an approximate start date of March. Discussion followed. Commissioner Rowland inquired about an insurance certificate. Mr. Lofthouse will get the certificate to Director McCarthy along with some sort of schedule of their events.

Commissioner DiBiase **made a motion** to approve the Boy Scouts use of the main lodge at Eisenhower Park. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

V. Director's Report

1. Director McCarthy reported that Mayor Richetelli recently informed him that we are going to terminate the lease agreement with the Y.M.C.A. and the City is going to open up the skate park as skate at your own risk. A pedestrian gate and proper signage need to be installed. Once these details are taken care of, and weather permitting, the park should be opening in spring. Chairman Worroll inquired about the park hours. Director McCarthy stated that the park would go by City Ordinance, as the other parks do.
2. Director McCarthy asked Chairman Worroll to update the Commission on the Eisenhower Park dam.
3. Director McCarthy reported that the minimum wage has been increased from \$7.65 to \$8.00.
4. Director McCarthy recently met with Mayor Richetelli, Bill Garfield and Sean McGinley, President- Milford Youth Lacrosse. Mr. McGinley gave an update on the fast growing sport of Lacrosse in Milford. He would like to see Lacrosse introduced as a high school sport.
5. Director McCarthy reported to the Commission regarding 11.76% cuts to his budget after his budget meeting with the Mayor and Finance Director.

VI. Commissioner Reports

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the Board of Alderman with no questions had approved the golf course contract. The next meeting will be Wednesday.
2. Chairman Worroll reported that the re-enactment at Gulf Beach on New Years Eve went well.

VII. Old Business

1. Caswell Cove amended ordinance and Section 16-2 language change. The Commission discussed concerns over the parking spots and giving the Caswell Cove Marina Assoc. Inc. authority to give people permission to park on City property. After discussion and review by the Commission, Commissioner Dooling **made a motion** to remove Section 16-2 (20) (B) (iii) from the ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

Director McCarthy will email the City Attorney informing him that the Park, Beach and Recreation

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Commission approved the Ordinance unanimously with the stated change.

2. Director McCarthy is awaiting a response from Public Works Department regarding the City Facility Rental Policy. He will keep the Commission updated.

VIII. **New Business**

NONE

IX. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner DiBiase and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on February 4, 2008 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary