

**Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 14, 2015**

**Members Present**

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman  
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman  
Felicia Shashinka, Commissioner  
Frank Giustino, Commissioner  
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

**Absent**

Public Works Representative  
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison  
Dan German, Aldermanic Liaison

**Also Present**

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **January 14, 2015**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference A. Recreation Director, Paul Piscitelli, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on December 3, 2014.**

Director Piscitelli entertained a **Motion** to accept the December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the December 3, 2014 minutes as read.  
Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

**Motion** unanimously carried

**II. Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Piscitelli entertains a **Motion** to elect a Chairman.

Commissioner Ann Fabian makes a **Motion** to nominate Dan Worroll as Chairman.  
Commissioner Kerri Rowland seconds **Motion**.

Discussion. None.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

Director Piscitelli turns the meeting over to Chairman Worroll – who asks for a **Motion** to nominate a Vice Chairman.

Chairman Worroll makes a **Motion** to nominate Ann Fabian as Vice Chairman.  
Commissioner Rowland seconds the **Motion**.

Discussion. None.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

### III. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

None

### IV. Correspondence

1. **Director Piscitelli** – Read a letter from Janice Jackson, Executive Director of the Milford Senior Center, thanking the Recreation Department for organizing a food drive at the Milford Ice Pavillion. The generous donations of food and turkeys support the Milford Food Bank which serves the Milford Community.
2. **Director Piscitelli** – Read a letter from Bill Poutray, Chairman, Milford Conservation Commission, supporting the initiative by the Recreation Department and the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission to create a policy/ordinance to ban smoking in Milford's parks, beaches and other publicly owned open spaces.

### V. Director's Report

1. **Turf Fields Project – Director Piscitelli** – advised the project is progressing albeit slow. Awaiting on geotechnical testing and once information is received the project will proceed quickly. On schedule for construction start in the spring.
2. **FY 15-16 Budget Preparations – Director Piscitelli** – Met with the Mayor on the proposed budget in December 2014. On February 12 will go before the Board of Finance. Our budget has decreased the budget by 1.29%. Commissioner Fabian inquired if there are any changes to Camp Happiness. Camp Happiness will be at Foran High School. No changes to existing program.
3. **Facility Upgrades/Projects – Director Piscitelli** – advised that the floor in Parsons Gym was refinished and new lines were painted and now includes three point lines on the side courts. In addition, the Fannie Beach gym basketball court was also painted as well. The Seabreeze Avenue Project is in process and with warmer weather should have it wrapped up this week. This will add to the size of the playground and will add age-appropriate equipment. The entrance to the Community Gardens is complete with a new access road. In addition, Phase I of the deer fence is installed. Also, the Eagle Scout Project approved by the Board in January 2014 is now complete.
4. **Winter Programs – Director Piscitelli** – registration is on-going and in progress with a variety of new and classic programs, and are well attended.
5. **Facility & Sign Permits – Director Piscitelli** – presented to the Commissioners copies of charts depicting the increase use of our recreational facilities based on location and sign permits in 2014. The largest demand is for the Walnut Beach facilities due to all the enhancements made there. There was also an increase in applications for the A-frame sign permits.

## VI. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee – Chairman Worroll** – The new maintenance shed is near completion and it will house the maintenance equipment. Additional golf carts will also be purchased this year. Rounds were equivalent to the previous year. The management company's contract has been extended for another year as they have been doing a good job.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee – Chairman Worroll** – This Committee has just about completed its purpose expending the monies as appropriated for the enhancements. Some outstanding bills remain due to work that has to be done in the spring. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired about the return of the Carousel. Worroll advised that it is not there and will look at it on a yearly basis. Worroll also raised the concern about having to give up numerous parking spaces for its use.
3. **Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian** – Fabian advised the bench for Jean Browning and Joan Zeek at Morningside has been installed; however, there hasn't been an official dedication. There is no inquiry for new benches and those currently received will be installed this spring.

## VII. Old Business

1. **Smoke & Tobacco Free Policy – Chairman Worroll** – The Commissioners were given a Health & Wellness; Smoke-Free Parks: A Win-Win for Everyone article by Sue Beatty, along with a draft proposal policy from Director Piscitelli. Piscitelli advised that the draft policy has been reviewed by both the City Attorney and the Health Director. Piscitelli suggested the commissioners review it, note their concerns and suggestions and have an earnest debate about it at next month's meeting.
2. **Discussion of Women's Softball League – Chairman Worroll** – This discussion ensued with Director Piscitelli, Vice Chairman Ann Fabian, Commissioner Shashinka and Betsy Boerner, 32 Harkness Drive, citing the concerns of the Women's Softball League. Following the discussion, Piscitelli advised he will arrange and meet with all parties to discuss concerned issues and to come up with an amicable solution for all involved.

## VIII. New Business

1. **Goodies Restaurant – Director Piscitelli** – Piscitelli presented an undated letter from Nick Vlastaris with a request to renew the Goodies concession at Gulf Beach for the 2015 season, Memorial Day to Labor Day. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired as to the value of the lease and Piscitelli indicated that it has a value of \$2,001/year with the right of first refusal. Goodies has been there for several years with no complainants.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to accept the request from Nick Vlastaris to operate the Goodies concession at Gulf Beach for the 2015 season.

Commissioner Giustino seconds the **Motion**.

Discussion. None.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

## IX. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:20p.m.  
Commissioner Rowland seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
on **February 4, 2015** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Mossorofo*

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