

## **Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission**

### **Regular Meeting**

**February 1, 2012**

#### **Members Present**

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman  
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman  
Julie Nash, Commissioner

#### **Absent**

Public Works Representative  
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner  
Frank Gustino, Commissioner  
Janet Golden, Aldermanic Liaison  
Anthony Giannattiso, Aldermanic Liaison

#### **Also Present**

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on February 1, 2012 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Piscitelli welcomed Commissioner Julie Nash to the Board and thanked Sharon Fowler and Patrick Dooling for their services. He also thanked Sandy Betzig, Secretary of Recreation Department who left at the end of December, and introduced Linda Mossorofo as the new Secretary of Recreation Department.

#### **I. Election of New Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Mr. Piscitelli moved to open the floor to election of new officers.

Vice Chairman Ann Fabian, nominated Chairman Daniel Worroll as Chairman.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Julie Nash.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Paul Piscitelli then turned the meeting over to Chairman Worroll.

Chairman Worroll nominated Vice Chairman Ann Fabian as Vice Chairman.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Julie Nash.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Worroll thanked everyone for their services.

#### **II. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on January 4, 2012.**

Motion to accept minutes carried unanimously.

#### **III. Public Statement**

None.

Chairman Worroll asked that **New Business** be moved up the on the **Agenda**. Motion by Vice Chairman Ann Fabian and seconded by Commissioner Nash.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. New Business**

1. Point Beach Playground. Phil Vetro, Alderman, 10 Carmen Road, presented the Board with a packet of information regarding the correct designation of Playground vs. Ballfield. He addressed the Board by reading the introduction the Board. The issue is whether Point Beach Playground is correctly classified as a playground or a ballfield. Chairman Worroll asked Piscitelli for comments regarding the designation change and what affect it would have on the recreation department. Mr. Piscitelli

commented that he does not want any change that would affect the current or future use of the site. Chairman Worroll sees this issued as a Planning & Zoning matter. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Kevin Cruseaden addressed the Board and indicated that his client went before the Planning & Zoning Board who granted his client, Greg Davis, a Waiver on the City requirements as there would be no impact on the designation as there is no playscape equipment nor has there been any for the past eight (8) years. As a result, his client is being sued by the local liquor store owners who are also appealing the Planning & Zoning Board's decision to grant him a waiver. He explained that his client wants to open a liquor store within 300' of the park/playground.

Greg Davies, 64 Sylvan Court spoke to the Board and indicated the various playgrounds throughout the City that have playscapes and he would like to see Point Beach Playground by correctly identified as a ballfield.

Alderman Susan Shaw, 39 Point Beach Drive, indicated that she served as Chairman on the Planning & Zoning Board and remembers this matter coming before them and it was determined that Point Beach Playground was not a playground.

Ms. Terry King, 66 Stone Manor Drive, addressed the Board indicating that she is a new resident of Milford who utilizes the website and finds a lot of misinformation and would like to see the website updated.

At 7:58 p.m., Chairman Worroll asked that the members go into executive session. Executive session ended at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Vice Chairman Ann Fabian and seconded by Commissioner Nash. Approved.

Vice Chairman Fabian suggested that Director Piscitelli do an assessment of every location of playground/ballfield be brought up-to-date as the list is two to three years old and put on the GIS mapping website. Commissioner Fabian made a Motion that Recreation Director Piscitelli, identify all parcels as recreation assets, and that the website be updated and corrected by the next meeting (March 7, 2012).

Motion by Vice Chairman Ann Fabian and seconded by Commissioner Nash. Approved.  
Commissioner Julie Nash seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Naugatuck Avenue & Tudor Road Enhancement – Steve Wing, 26 Crown Street. Mr. Wing handed out a current photo depicting the Gateway to Walnut Beach area as is and presented a rendering of what the area and sign will look like. This is a Welcome to Walnut Beach sign, which will be surrounded by a berm, flowers and trees as a backdrop. This will be about \$25,000 worth of work and some trees will have to be moved. Discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a Motion to accept the Gateway area rendering property by Steve Wing for area between Naugatuck Avenue and Tudor Road.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Nash. Motion carried unanimously.

## **V. Correspondence**

Castleberry Fairs requesting permission to hold craft fair on the Green in the absence of Denise Morris Curt. East Coast Craft Shows also wants the same.

## **VI. Director's Report**

1. **Budget Process.** Recreation Director Paul Piscitelli advised the Board that he will be going before the Finance Budget Committee on Thursday, February 9. He informed the Board that the State is looking to increase minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 per hour in July. This will have an impact on the seasonal account where he had 185 seasonal employees and 140 of them make less than \$9 per hour. Discussion

ensued regarding the impact on seasonal employees who are already at the higher level and the effect it will have on them as well as the possibility of raising fees for programs to make up the difference.

Commissioner Julie Nash inquired if there is a public hearing scheduled for this and Recreation Director Piscitelli advised not yet. She also asked if the City of Milford has a lobbyist and Piscitelli advised the City does not; however, the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association does and he will be contacting them.

2. **Skatepark Revitalization.** Recreation Director Piscitelli presented sketches of the condition of the park, design of spine and manual pad, and a conceptual sketch on the bowl. A designer is working on a site plan and will come up with a cost.
3. **Zimmerman Playground Revitalization.** Located at Surf Road and Underhill Road. Mr. Piscitelli indicated that \$18,000 worth of equipment will be put in, and through a capital improvement program, hopes the basketball courts will be resurfaced in the future.
4. **Meeting with Dr. Fesser, Superintendent of Schools.** Recreation Director Piscitelli felt this was a positive meeting. The recreation department is expanding its use of schools and Dr. Fesser was receptive to using schools for activities, etc

## **VII. Commissioner Reports**

1. **Golf Course Committee.** Chairman Worroll advised they have purchased two (2) new carts for a total of four (4) and are purchasing new pull carts.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee.** Chairman Worroll felt that Steve Wing covered this very well in his presentation.
3. **Bench Dedication Program.** Vice Chairman Fabian would like to have something posted on the web about this program. There are many people who seem to be interested in purchasing benches as memorials. A bench will be dedicated in May and there should be publicity on this. Further discussion followed regarding this project.

## **VIII. Old Business.**

1. **Meet the Artists.** Repeat shows – Denise Morris Curt, has requested a one year sabbatical and would like to be able to have another show on the Green in 2013 applying for a permit after January 1, 2013. She requests that she be grand fathered-in given her tenure for doing shows with the City of Milford.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a Motion to give Denise Curt a sabbatical one-year to 2013 and she can return with same agreement as in previous years.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Nash. Motion carried unanimously.

## **IX. New Business**

1. **Discussion of Fee Schedule for Use of City Facilities.** Director Piscitelli presented a chart of proposed fees for non-residents for use of the Green and a chart of the fees charged by the police and recreation departments per the respective Ordinances. Discussion followed. This topic will be discussed further in March.

**X.     Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Fabian made a Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nash and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 7, 2012 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mossorofo  
Recording Secretary

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