

**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2017**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in Conference Room C (Ansantawae Room). Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Commissioners Present

D. Worroll
A. Fabian
K. Rowland

Also Present

P. Piscitelli, Director
Ald. B. Bevan

Excused: F. Shashinka, F. Giustino

Absent: Ald. N. Veccharelli
Public Works Representative

Consideration of the Minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting

Commissioners' Fabian and Worroll made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried with one abstention (Rowland).

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence

None.

Director's Report

a) Update: Turf Fields Project - Director Piscitelli reported the fields are nearly complete. He stated there still is some work going on at the site, adding the parking lot still needs to be paved and some fencing.

b) Update: Budget presentation to the Board of Finance - Director Piscitelli reported he presented the budget to the Board of Finance last week. He stated he has been talking about the increase in minimum wage since 2009. Director Piscitelli stated minimum wage is up 68.2% since 2009 and the seasonal/temporary account is up only 39.70%, which is a difference of 28.91%. He added there is talk of the minimum wage going up again. He stated if that happens they are going to have to find ways to make the seasonal/temporary account work, i.e. reducing lifeguards (6/1-7/1 - no lifeguards on

duty during the week) vary times and also reducing the number of the summer recreation sites to three, which will be a huge savings. He added the program would go from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., weather permitting, to 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. He stated they are still finalizing details with the Board of Education.

Commissioner Fabian expressed concern regarding reduction of lifeguards.

Commissioner Rowland stated she too would have grave concerns reducing lifeguards and urged the Director to urge the Board of Aldermen not to cut in that account.

Commissioner Reports

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the golf course is currently closed. He stated the aim is to open around March 17th.

b) Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian referenced the Map of Walnut Beach Benches (25 total spots) as distributed by Director Piscitelli. She reported as follows: Benches Installed (2) – Giustino bench at Walnut Beach, Valentine Bench; Benches waiting for installation (1) – Shimchick bench at Morningside Drive and Beacher Road, Buckman Bench at City Hall Duck Pond; Benches on order (1) for Tom Wade for Welches Point Road; Bench Slat Replacement installed (1) O'Dowd Family and Plaques waiting for installation (1).

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – Director Piscitelli reported the Saint Patrick's Day parade would step off on March 11 from Wasson Field. He stated other events include the Leprechaun Leap on March 12 and and Matiolii Run on March 25th.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary