

**Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 5, 2014**

**Members Present**

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman  
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman  
Felicia Shashinka, Commissioner  
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner  
Frank Giustino, 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 **March 5, 2014**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Chairman Daniel Worroll, Jr., 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 February 5, 2014.**

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the February 5, 2014 minutes as read.  
Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

**II. Public Statement**

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. None.

**III. Correspondence**

1. Letter from Scoot & Paddle – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli advised the commissioners, as a matter of information, Scoot & Paddle Rentals & Beach Shop would like to rent kayaks and paddleboards directly on Walnut Beach. The City Attorney is reviewing. Piscitelli will present the City Attorney's comments to the Board at a future date.
2. Letter from The Milford Trees, Inc. and the Milford Tree Commission will have a Celebration of Trees Party on Sunday, March 16 at the Milford Fine Arts Center and is extending an invitation to the Board.

**IV. Director's Report**

1. **Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget** – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli advised that the 2014-2015 budget was reviewed by the Board of Finance and will go before the Board of Aldermen on April 10 for final approval. Discussion followed regarding the proposed increase in the minimum wage.
2. **Sandy Ground Playground** – Director Piscitelli – The excavation contractor completed the necessary site preparation for the Community Volunteer/Build Day on March 14. It is expected there will be a large turn out to volunteer which is open to the community. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 22, 2014 at 2 p.m., and a 5K Race that morning at 10 a.m. at Fowler Field.

3. **Milford 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – Director Piscitelli – Proceeding well with numerous events being planned. The Website is updated as events are scheduled and further details will continue to be provided at future meetings.
4. **Partnership with Milford Prevention Council** – Director Piscitelli – The Milford Prevention Council, the Recreation Department, Montano's Candy and Red Rock Branding are putting up banners in the Parsons Gym and at West Shore Recreation Center Gymnasium. The goal is to help kids make healthy choices in their lifestyles. The International Little League, the Milford United Soccer League and the Junior Major League are also on board supporting the same message to their groups. The Milford Prevention Council and the Milford Recreation Department are working in conjunction to support healthy lifestyles and choices for children.

## V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Golf course is closed due to the weather. Board of Alderman gave approval to use \$50K of the Open Space Funds to improve the course. Looking to build another building to house maintenance equipment and two more golf carts.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Will be spending approximately \$20K to replace and install the snow fence. Public Works has purchased two Solar Big-Belly garbage bins for the beach. Discussion followed regarding the details and proper utilization of these bins. The Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee will also be putting in a new drainage and sewer system. The \$1Million Grant ends in June. Director Piscitelli suggested looking into repaving the parking lot.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli advised the City has purchased a Victorian style bench to commemorate City Historian, Richard Platt. The bench will be placed on the North Street Duck Pond near the Down's house. Two additional benches were purchased, one by a family for the Beardsley Street Park at end of Jepson Drive, and the other to be determined. The Sandy Ground Playgroud Project has purchased four benches with no inscription plaque. In the event if someone wants to purchase the bench then the slat will be changed out for the inscription dedication plaque.
4. **Commissioner Giustino** – Giustino updated the Commissioners regarding the Never Quit Foundation Program. He spoke to Jim Quish and it was determined that the members of the committee are unable to work on this project due to work commitments. Future progress will be related to the Board at upcoming meetings.

## VI. Old Business

1. **The Academy Student Outreach Program – Invasive Species at Wilcox Park** – Steven Johnson – Open Space & Natural Research Agent – Johnson's presentation is seeking approval for a forest and habitat management project at Wilcox Park. He presented an historical account of the Park which is deeded as open and wildlife space with a conservation value of 10 acres and of wooded and grass value. He advised the last major enhancement program was in 2003 and as a result of neglect the 10 acre wooded portion has been taken over by invasive plants. The Academy Students will coordinate with Scouts and are looking to create an Earth Day

Project to plant native plants in May. Johnson feels this will fit in with the 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Milford. Johnson will obtain the necessary Inland/Wetland, Planning & Zoning and Coastal Area Management permits due to the harbor access. Vice Chairman Fabian questioned how long it will take to obtain the approvals. Johnson advised it is a formality and that maintenance projects will not require a Public Hearing.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the The Academy Student Outreach Program – Invasive Species at Wilcox Park as presented by Steven Johnson.

Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

No discussion.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

## **VII. New Business**

1. **Tennis Lesson Advertisement Banner at Eisenhower Park** – Director Piscitelli – Milford Recreation Tennis Instructor, Dave Kardas, is requesting permission to display a banner on the fence at the LeRoy Doolittle Tennis Courts at Eisenhower Park. The sign will promote the Milford Recreation Department's spring/fall/after school tennis programs as well as adult evening programs. He feels a banner would be very effective in reaching the people. Commissioner Shashinka questioned the contents of the banner. Piscitelli advised this will be determined. Discussion ensued about advertising and having banners on the fence.

Commissioner Shashinka suggested the website on the banner creating greater exposure to all of the Milford Recreation Department's programs. Piscitelli advised he will work on the verbiage and present it to the Board.

Chairman Worroll made a **Motion** to bring with the general principles of this with the stipulation that the Board see the wording before the sign goes up.

Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

No discussion.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

Chairman Worroll mentioned the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15 and the ceremony for the Sandy Hook Playground Project.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Commissioner Rowland seconds **Motion**.

No discussion.

**Motion** unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **April 2, 2014** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo  
Secretary