

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2012

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Julie Nash, Commissioner
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Frank Giustino, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on March 7, 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.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on February 1, 2012.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the February 1, 2012 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Nash and **Motion** unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

None

III. Correspondence

1. Director Piscitelli received two items. One is a letter regarding the swimming registration. He advised there is a limited amount of space which is in the process of being addressed as it all comes down to the availability of the pool, staff and the cost of running the lessons. The average in the springtime is about \$700 per week, and in the fall is about \$450 per week for three-week cycles. The seasonal account continues to shrink which makes it difficult to meet payroll demands. This is being worked on as well as computerizing the registration system so people don't have to stand in line. Vice Chairman Ann Fabian inquired as to how many people are not being serving on the second, third and fourth day, and how many people are being served. Director Piscitelli advised about 20 people are not being served and that 76 people per session are being served and estimated that approximately 50 people are probably being missed. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of having a rotation system. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired as to when the computer registration will commence and Director Piscitelli advised that it may be this Fall and will be for all programs. There will be further information regarding this next month.
2. Earth Day – Director Piscitelli advised that he has received all the paper work and schedule of events for Eisenhower Park to celebrate Earth Day which is April 14. This correspondence will be forwarded digitally to all commissioners.

IV. Director's Report

1. Zimmerman Park – Director Piscitelli advised that in three (3) days equipment has been installed, wood carpet, mulch has been placed and Zimmerman Park is back and up and running. The turn around time was about a month. Piscitelli advised that hopefully with the next budget cycle he will be able to identify another place and do that as well.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll advised that the Golf Course is looking to open this Friday, March 9, and sometime in April, probably week after Easter, they will have a grand opening. Two (2) electrical carts have been purchased making a total of four (4), and there are 22 new pull carts.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement** – Chairman Worroll advised there are things that will need to be done in the spring, i.e., striping the parking lot spaces. Next month bids will be going out for the dune crossings and will be doing this via a grant feature in order that people with strollers and special needs can enjoy the beach. Still waiting to have the Casey Pavilion fixed, however, this is a Public Works issue. Backfill needs to be placed underneath the Casey Pavilion, and there are four (4) security cameras that need to be installed; however, current the electrical panel is in the men's room. This is not up to code and has to be moved to the storage shed. Public Works, Kelly Hammill, advised she will see what she can do to get it installed and if she doesn't have money in the budget perhaps the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee could buy the hardware and Public Works would install it.

Chairman Worroll mentioned that he read the Public Works meeting minutes that permits have been obtain to move sand on to Gulf Beach.

Director Piscitelli indicated that he spoke to Joe Mahler, CT DEEP, and was advised that they have awarded a bid to repair the board walk (Walnut Beach), and that also includes repairing the stairs that fell on the City side of the board walk and maybe some of the railings that were lost. They are waiting for the funding to be released and would hope that within the next two or three weeks that the contractor will begin.

Chairman Worroll asked that Public Works be advised to remove some old poles, etc. that are down on Walnut Beach and wants it cleaned. Discussion followed regarding the high volume of attendees that used the parking lot at both Walnut Beach and Silver Sands and that cars had to be turned away. Director Piscitelli indicated that there was record attendance at both beaches and the State closed the parking lot on at least three (3) occasions based on staffing levels and may do it again this year based on staffing levels. We ran out of spots at times at the beach.

3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Ann Fabian advised she did not have an update. Director Piscitelli indicated that he spoke Peter Wallace of DuMoor furnishing who provided an updated price for a delivered and engraved bench. This comes to \$1,064 per bench which includes shipping; \$834 for bench 6', and \$230 for a plaque. Since this is in place Piscitelli will put together the application and the necessary paperwork to start. This figure also includes a percentage for maintenance cost for the next five years.

VI. Old Business

1. **Non-Resident Policy/Fee for Use of the City Green** – Chairman Worroll gave a quick overview on the previous meeting discussions regarding the non-resident policy for use of the City Green. There is interest for the two dates that are available and the perception is that we are going to open the Green up. Discussion followed regarding Milford residents have the right of first refusal and if no one wants it there is no reason that a non-resident can't use it as this is revenue for the City and all the same rules will apply as to scheduling. Chairman Worroll advised this is not an Ordinance and comes under the auspices of the Parks Beach and Recreation Commission. Director Piscitelli indicated the two City Ordinances, 16-28 and 17-14, relate to fees. As to permit to utilize the Green the PBR has the authority to issue those permits and states the policy is for Milford residents only.

Chairman Worroll asks for a **Motion** to approve the policy for the Non-Resident Fees for Use of City Green. Commissioner Frank Giustino made a **Motion** to approve the policy of Non-Resident Fees for Use of the Green.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Nash.

Discussion. Commissioner Rowland inquired if this is for Milford residents only and not changing any of the cost. Director Piscitelli advised Ordinance 16-28 does not specify resident or non-resident, profit or non-profit and indicates "all users" as oppose to the Police Department Ordinance 17-14 that specifies many different fees for profits and non-profits. Fees may be waived at the discretion granted from the Board including daily rental fees. The PBR has the final approval based on appropriateness of the event.

Discussion followed about approving non-resident fees for use of the City Green that specifies the date of May 12 and May 13.

Commissioner Giustino re-tracked the original **Motion** made. Commissioner Nash withdraws her seconded.

Chairman Worrell asks for a **Motion** to approve this Non-Resident Policy Fee for the open date, May 12 & 13, and will revisit this over the summer to see if the PBR wants to put in the September date and if it should to continue as a permanent policy.

Commissioner Giustino made a **Motion** to allow Non-Resident fees for use of the City Green to open time of May 12 and 13, 2012, and to revisit the matter after the event occurs.

Commissioner Nash seconded. No further discussion. **Motion** carried unanimously.

2. **Inventory/Classification of Recreation Locations** – Chairman Worroll reviewed February's meeting regarding the correction of some of the locations of playgrounds, ballfields, parks, etc., due to events and changes over the past few years. This came to the attention of the PBR Board and it was directed that Director Piscitelli review and make the necessary changes to bring them up-to-date. The Board reviewed the list of changes presented by Director Piscitelli. The web site has also been updated. Chairman Worrell complimented Director Piscitelli on the great job he did.

Chairman Worroll asks for a **Motion** to accept Director Piscitelli's update on the Classification/Identification of Recreation Assets.

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the new list of Classification/Identification of Recreation Assets.

Vice Chairman Fabian seconded **Motion** and **Motion** carried unanimously.

VII. New Business

None.

VII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and **Motion** unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 4, 2012 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo