

**Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 2, 2014**

**Members Present**

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

**Absent**

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

**Also Present**

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **April 2, 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 March 5, 2014.**

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the March 5, 2014 minutes as read.  
Commissioner Shashinka 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**

None.

**IV. Director's Report**

- 1. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget** – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli advised that the 2014-2015 Recreation and Commission Budgets will go before the Board of Aldermen on April 10 for final approval.
- 2. Sandy Ground Playground** – Director Piscitelli – The Sandy Ground Playground dedication and 5K race was well-attended, and \$94K was raised to help build future playgrounds. This was an emotional event and the playground is being used every day. The Sandy Ground Project is looking to put a fence around the playground for safety. The cost of the fence will be paid for through private funding.

3. **Milford 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – Director Piscitelli – Plans for the parade are proceeding well. Receiving commitments back from bands and other organizations. Chairman Worroll will be updating the list of activities and will present it to the Commissioners. Piscitelli also apprised the Commissioners of the following information: The flagpole on the Green is being replaced through a donation from the Rotary Club and will be the highest flagpole in the State of Connecticut. They are also donating two flags per year for this pole. Also, the trees in front of Milford Bank along the walkway are in the process of being replaced by the Milford Tree Commission. The Tree Commission will attend the PBR Commission meeting next month to provide updates on all their activities for the spring.

## **V. Commissioner Reports**

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Golf course is currently open and improvements are being made to the course. Rates will remain the same as last year.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll – The Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee will be sending out bids to purchase and install a new snow fence. Drainage will be taken care of by Public Works. They will also be purchasing a four (4) new lifeguard stands and six (6) new garbage cans. They are also looking to install a new flagpole as well as specific type of permanently mounted picnic tables, and looking into putting in new shelter/huts. Chairman Worroll also apprised the Commissioners of an issue that may be coming up regarding the proprietor of Scoot & Paddle who wants to move her business to the beach. Director Piscitelli advised the matter is currently before the City Attorney and Risk Manager to determine the required limits for insurance. Discussion followed regarding lease arrangements and fees. Once legal has made a determination, this matter will come before this Commission.  
New signs will also be made for the area and Director Piscitelli will review the samples for verbiage before signs are made.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Fabian – Nothing new to report as there are no new bench orders this month.

## **VI. Old Business**

None.

## **VII. New Business**

1. **Milford Irish Festival– Application for Use of City Facilities** – Director Piscitelli – The Committee for the Milford Irish Festival which takes place in September is requesting an additional hour, from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. for their event on Saturday night. There are no limits or regulations determining hours for events. Director Piscitelli made a recommendation for them to go to 11 p.m. based on the event being in the downtown area where other venues are opened late and the Festival has not had any problems with the police department and would not see this as an issue. Commissioners suggested Piscitelli sign the permit as he stated.

**2. Walnut Beach Carousel** – Director Piscitelli – Introduced Susan Patrick who appeared before the Board in April 2013 regarding the Carousel at Walnut Beach. Susan Patrick, 660 Gulf Street. Patrick briefed the Board members that George Marennas Carousel was approved for the 2013 summer season at Walnut Beach and within a matter of days the carousel was vandalized and unsafe to operate, missing out on the 2013 season. Patrick, the Walnut Beach Business Owners Association and George Marennas, is requesting approval to have the Carousel on Walnut Beach for the 2014 summer season to operate under the same agreements as last year; with an addition of adding a temporary fence around the carousel. Chairman Worroll mentioned complaints he received regarding the loud generator, the lack of the electrical hook-up and the high cost for the ride. Patrick agreed that it was too loud and the problems existed because of the late start. Discussion followed among the Commissioners regarding the electrical hook-up, type of fencing, security, surveillance cameras as well as operational procedures. The Commissioners requested that Marennas provide them with a Plan of Action to address the concerns mentioned as well as to how he intends to put this plan in place.

**Upcoming events - Vice Chairman mentioned the Walk A-Mile-In Her Shoes event on April 27.**

## **VIII. Adjourn**

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

Commissioner Guistino 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 **May 7, 2014** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

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