

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 3, 2013

Members Present

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

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **April 3, 2013**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. 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 March 6, 2013.

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the **March 6, 2013** 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.

Jerry Loiselle, Heritage Sound, 85 Viscount Drive, #7A, Milford, CT – Was not in favor nor was he opposed to the carousel going in at Walnut Beach as he just recently learned about it. He just stressed a concern about the noise and asked that the Board be sensitive to the neighbors who live in the area.

Regina Marone – 85 Viscount Drive, Milford, CT – Spoke in opposition of the carousel going in on Walnut Beach. Cited several concerns especially about the parking on the weekends.

Susan Patrick – 660 Gulf Street, Milford, CT – Walnut Beach Business Owners – Spoke in favor of the carousel going in on Walnut Beach. Explained that it is a temporary experiment from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and understands the concerns of the neighbors. In addition, should this experiment not workout favorably it will go away.

Peter Marone – 85 Viscount Drive, Milford, CT – Spoke in opposition to the carousel going in at Walnut Beach. Concern is the quality of life for the residents as well as parking, pollution and noise which will have an effect on the residents who live in the neighborhood.

Bill Piacitelli – 30 James Street, Milford, CT – Spoke about his concern regarding the flooding in his area as a result of the culvert between the beaches. This has created a devastating effect on the area from Hurricane Sandy.

Director Piscitelli suggested a ten minute recess to direct Mr. Piacitelli to the appropriate agency to Assist him with his concern.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** for a ten minute recess.
Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

Recess commences at 7:42 p.m.

Recess ends at 7:49 p.m.

II. Correspondence

1. **Director Piscitelli** – Letter received from Rosette Liberman regarding the deteriorating conditions of the West Shore Tennis Court on Benham Avenue. Piscitelli explains the condition of the court and his efforts to have the situation addressed. He will respond to Mrs. Liberman's letter.

IV. Director's Report

1. **Milford Trees – Director Piscitelli** – On April 27, 2013, in conjunction with Earth Day activities, will do the plantings that we approved for the Beardsley Street Playground; and on May 11 they will do the memorial tree for the Deluca Family at Highby Park which coincides with the installation of the bench.
2. **Spring and Summer Flyer – Director Piscitelli** – Sent out to the schools today with numerous offerings and anticipate an increase in attendance. Additionally, the school system has proposed a 2013-2014 calendar with early dismissal being June 5, 2014 without any snow days. This will impact offerings next summer and may have budgetary implications as well.
3. **Anderson Avenue Basketball Courts – Director Piscitelli** – Bids should be appearing in the paper within three to five days.

V. Commissioner's Report

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Golf course is open and the management company will keep the same rates as last year.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Had a meeting with the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee on April 2. During the storms there was some curbing damage as well as trees down in the area which Public Works will have to address. Clean up efforts will be going on in the area and wants to see efforts coordinated as not to interfere with other events that will be going on. In addition, discussed on going issues with the Gulf Beach stand and beach dunes which are expected to be completed within the next month or so and the last beach crossover needs to be repair, all of which Public Works will address.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – None.

VI. Old Business

1. **Junior Major League** – Piscitelli advised the Planning & Zoning Board approved their request for a temporary fence at Bernard/Francis Field, and the matter will now be placed on the Board of Alderman Agenda for the May meeting.

VII. New Business

1. **Walnut Beach Carousal Location & Size – Director Piscitelli** – Advised this matter was presented and passed before the Board at the December 2012 meeting. Recently, the matter of re-locating the carousal from the grassy area to the parking lot came up with Public Works, the vendor and other City departments. It was determined that the grassy area is not leveled and there is a storm drain in this area. In addition, this location would require extensive work for a temporary structure. Having the carousal in the non-resident parking lot is a more suitable

solution as the area is flat and no improvement is needed to house the carousal, although 21 parking spaces will be given up. Piscitelli does not feel this will impact the residents in the area, and if necessary the area could be secured with temporary fencing. If this Board approves to relocate the carousal it will have to go before the Planning & Zoning Board for approval for an easement. The easement is for use of the parking spaces as this is City property and 21 spaces will be given up. Once approved by Planning & Zoning, it will then go before the Board of Alderman for the May meeting. Piscitelli also advised that the license agreement language continues to be worked on with the vendor who understands this is for one-year on a temporary basis, and the days and hours of operations as well as the vendor providing a qualified operator are still being discussed; and comments from the attendees at this meeting will also be taken into account as to their quality of life, etc. There will also be language in the contract to terminate the agreement should these terms not be met, as well as language for the vendor to terminate if it does not work out as he intended.

Discussion followed as to the hours of operation, parking spaces and the City of Milford right-of-way as well as safety concerns; and the utilization of the grassy area for various amenities.

Chairman Worroll – Asked that a **Motion** be made to approve the Walnut Beach carousal at its new location in the parking lot.

Commissioner Rowland – So moved as stated.

Commissioner Giustino – Seconded.

No further discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Director Piscitelli – The Mayor kicked off the litter free campaign. The goal is to pick up 50K pieces of litter here in Milford with Steve Johnson and volunteers. The start is the Fowler field area and this will be going on thru the rest of the month which will coordinate with Earth Day.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Commissioner Giustino seconds the **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **May 1, 2013** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary