Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting April 4, 2007

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman Patrick Dooling, Commissioner Jacqueline Munk, Commissioner

Absent

Also Present

Public Works Representative William McCarthy, Recreation Director James Belluscio, Commissioner Kerri Rowland, Alderman - EXCUSED Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman Joe Garbus, Alderman - EXCUSED

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their April meeting on April 4, 2007 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

 <u>Consideration of Minutes</u> of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on March 7, 2007.

Commissioner Munk <u>made a motion</u> to accept the March 7, 2007 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

Chairman Worroll noted that the Alderman would not be attending the meeting tonight due to the Budget Hearings and Vice Chairman Fabian could not attend due to illness.

II. Public Statement

None

III. Correspondence

- 1. Director McCarthy reported that he had received an email request from Nanci Seltzer to have amusement rides on Grove Circle for Devon Day. Director McCarthy and Chairman Worroll both stated that they do not believe this would be a good idea due possible field damage. They suggested she look into using inflatable rides.
- 2. Director McCarthy reported that he received an email and phone call from Rich Coda, President Walnut Beach Association regarding the graffiti at Walnut Beach. Mr. McCarthy reported that Public Works would be cleaning the area as soon as the weather permits.
- 3. Director McCarthy reported that he had received an email request from Tami Ciolino regarding the Vendor Permit she received from the Recreation Department. Director McCarthy stated that he would read over the City Ordinance and get the information for the next meeting.
- 4. Director McCarthy reported that he had received a request from Daphne Blackwell to use the Walnut Beach Pavilion for some pottery classes over the summer. Director McCarthy and the Commission both feel that this will be fine but that any permit requests would be honored first.
- 5. Director McCarthy reported that he has received Engine 260's request for Eisenhower Park to hold the Annual Fire Muster. He will be sending them his letter of approval with the stipulation that our Annual Tennis Tournament is there that weekend.

IV. <u>Director's Report</u>

- 1. Attended MOSAIC meeting on March 14, 2007. Director McCarthy is looking for ways to increase the returns of the Inclusive Program survey. He has only received 12 responses in 4 months.
- 2. Attended Mayor's skate park meeting with the Y.M. C.A. The park will open on 4/9/07. Commissioner Dooling inquired as to what Mr. McCarthy found out about insurance for the park. Discussion followed and Mr. McCarthy stated that the Y.M. C.A. would be handling the park again this year.

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- 3. Met with Bill Garfield and Sean McGinley regarding Milford Youth Lacrosse issues. All is going well.
- 4. Pat Austin has teams for Flag Football and Adult Dodgeball. Flag Football will be a zero tolerance league and will be held at Foran H.S. on Saturday evenings. Director McCarthy stated that volleyball teams are down this season.
- 5. Paul Piscitelli has all the softball leagues scheduled. Practice permits will be issued beginning on 3/29/07.
- 6. The bus bids for the Summer Playground Program and Camp Happiness are out to bid.
- 7. Recreation Free Play at West Shore Rec. and Tri-Beach is ending April 5th as scheduled.
- 8. Met with Marcia Winter regarding work she is doing to try and get a \$10,000 grant to hire a part time person to help build the Inclusive Program.
- 9. Due to the low number of returning summer camp counselors from last year, Pat Austin has expanded counselor ages to include 16 year old applicants.
- 10. Met with Mayor, softball reps, Bruce Kolwicz, Paul Piscitelli, John Wielk to discuss issues with getting better field grooming and more lights at Washington Field. Public Works is buying a new infield grooming machine so that they will now have two machines to handle the fields. A lighting specialist has identified a dark spot at Washington Field and Bruce Kolwicz has agreed to turn on an extra set of lights to eliminate this problem.
- 11. Met with Mayor, Speaker Amann and State D.E.P. Officials regarding Silver Sands phase 1B. This includes changing the road, getting mechanicals installed, restrooms, drainage, sewers, handicap access to the water, etc. Director McCarthy gave the Commission a brief overview of his meeting.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. Chairman Worroll noted that the Orchard Golf Course is open and new rates are in effect.

VI. Old Business

- 1. Chairman Worroll reported that he has spoken to Denise Morris-Curt and she has received some volunteers. He also noted that he suggested to her that she ask the vendors to supply a generator if one is needed.
- 2. Chairman Worroll asked the Commission to think about how they want to handle the Eisenhower Park plans when the time comes.
- 3. Chairman Worroll asked Director McCarthy if he had any new information on the bocce court being built by the Eagle Scout at Walnut Beach. He had no news tonight, but hoped to have more information at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- 1. Director McCarthy reported that he recently received a memo from Health Director McBride stating that no youth activities will be allowed inside Foran H.S. this summer due to building repairs. This is where Marlene Sanchez holds Camp Happiness over the summer. Discussion followed regarding where this program could take place. Mr. McCarthy will keep the commission updated on this situation.
- 2. Chairman Worroll noted that the annual budget hearings for Recreation Department and the PBR Commission would be held on April 11, 2007.
- 3. Chairman Worroll noted that the City put out to bid a handicap ramp for the Parsons Auditorium stage. Everyone came in over bid on the project so Public Works will be building the ramp and hope to be done by June 1, 2007.
- 4. Chairman Worroll reported that there would be a walk on April 28, 2007 on the Green for the Rape Crisis Center.
- 5. Director McCarthy reported that he met with Bruce Kolwicz, Public Works Director in regards to repairing the tennis courts at Eisenhower Park. Public Works does not have the money for these repairs so the Recreation Department is going to pay for them.

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VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Munk <u>made a motion</u> to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commissioner's to hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 2, 2007 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Guglielmoni, Secretary