

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

May 5, 2010

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Sharon Fowler, Commissioner
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Absent

Public Works Representative
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Nick Veccharelli Jr., Alderman

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their May meeting on May 5, 2010 at 7:30 PM in city Hall Auditorium. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

- I. **Consideration of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on April 7, 2010.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to accept the April 7, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Fabian and unanimously carried.

- II. **Public Statement**

Karen Sayball, 6 Watrous Lane – Spoke against installing lighting at Brewster Field. This is a residential neighborhood. No one wants the lights installed. Believes they will intrigue more kids to hang out on or near the field. It will be 10 p.m. or later before there will be quiet in the neighborhood. Will add to the problems they already have with parking, noise and litter in the area. Feels that the MILL needs to find additional space for their league and in a more appropriate area to insure the safety of their children. If the lights are granted and the MILL pays for the light poles, who will pay for all of the other expenses? Asked the Commission, Please do not install lights on any part of Brewster field. Expects the Mayor to be a man of his word and not allow lights on the field. (Submitted in writing what was read to the Commissioners along with letters from other neighbors)

Chairman Worroll stated that he has also received a letter from Mr. Catapano of 94 Brewster Road.

Barbara Scopp, 4 Watrous Lane - Stated that she spoke before the Commission 8 years ago when this came up. Does not want the City to allow such a venue in such a little area. Please consider the tax paying homeowners who live in the neighborhood. Feels they have been lied to. Will get a lawyer involved if needed. What stopped Commission from allowing them to go to Eisenhower Park? That is a much more appropriate area for the fields. The parking and litter in the neighborhood is terrible when there are games. Please reconsider where this is going to be. Thanked the Commission for listening.

Vincent Minero, 28 Brewster Road – Thanked the administration for alleviating the parking problem, somewhat, on Watrous Lane and also for eliminating the loudspeaker system other than the tournaments. Feels noise at 9:45 pm is not appropriate in that area. Too much traffic. Lights will cause these problems to be worse. Are 10 – 12year old children going to be playing ball until 10 pm at night? Would like the games moved to another field in the City. The people on Watrous Lane have really suffered. Please bring this under control. Does not believe there should be any lights in this neighborhood.

Jeannette Ranucci, 41 Watrous Lane – Cars use the end of the street as a parking area. They do not

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obey the signage. Park in front of fire hydrant across from her house. Often double-parked, has trouble getting out of her driveway. Concerns regarding the fourth field down in the corner. Has written a letter to the mail regarding these concerns. Does not want the lights installed.

III. Correspondence

1. Director McCarthy received an email from Joe Woyciesjes regarding a deer hunters tree stand on or near Solomon property. He was not sure if it was on City property, but is working on this to let Public Works know if it should be removed. Director McCarthy thanked Joe for being our eyes and ears out at Eisenhower Park.
2. Director McCarthy received an email from Joe Woyciesjes regarding Earth Day at Eisenhower Park. NEMBA had 34 volunteers and did about 3,000 feet of trail enhancement. Nearly the whole 1.4-mile trail is open however only half is clearly marked.
3. Director McCarthy received an email from neighbors in the Grove Circle area regarding vandalism, litter and non-resident issues. Director McCarthy responded and let the Public Works, Police Department and Mayor be aware of these concerns.

IV. Director's Report

1. Connecticut Center for Child Development Open House visit went well.
2. Board of Education withdrew funding for paraprofessionals at Camp Happiness this year. The camp has been cut from six weeks to five weeks to cover these costs (approx.\$18,000).
3. The New Haven Gaelic Football Club, which includes 15 Milford children, requested use of a field while theirs was being repaired. We were able to accommodate them.
4. Boys & Girls Club will be holding a Tag Sale Saturday June 5, 2010 from 11- 4:00 at the West Shore Recreation parking lot.

V. Commissioner Reports

Chairman Worroll reported that the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee will be meeting next week and that the golf course is up and running. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Denise Morris-Curt Craft Show, the Memorial Day Parade and the United Way Bocce Tournament.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Brian Mancini, Chairman - Milford Trees Inc. updated the Commission on research requested at the September meeting about signage for the arboretum. He submitted drawings to the Commission with the sign details. Researched any ordinance on signage on the Green. He found there was none, but he did need the Mayor's signature and the approval of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission. Chairman Worroll asked how tall are the signs? What color? Mr. Mancini responded he believes they are approximately 4' tall and will be green with white lettering. Chairman Worroll asked who would install the signs? Mr. Mancini responded Public Works or they will work with volunteers. Commissioner Rowland asked weather sprinklers have been located as to not have any problems? Mr. Mancini stated that they have the sprinkler locations.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a motion to approve the signage as presented by Mr. Mancini, including two on the Green, one on the upper duck pond and one on the lower duck pond. Seconded by Commissioner

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Fowler and unanimously carried.

2. Director McCarthy updated the Commissioners on the status of the bocce courts at the Milford Academy campus. The supplies have been purchased and are being held until the installer recovers from surgery.
3. Vice Chairman Fabian asked Director McCarthy what happened with the N.E.M.B.A. 50' project that was presented to the Commission. He informed her that they are waiting for the ground to dry up.

VII. **New Business**

1. International Little League contacted Director McCarthy to let him know that the technical advisor from Musco Lighting Company was unable to attend tonight's meeting. They would like to reschedule and be put on the June meeting agenda. Director McCarthy informed the Commission that he has not to date received a reply to the list of questions that he has sent to the I.L.L.
2. Blaine Boxwell submitted application to Recreation Department to use Eisenhower Park in October for a Boy Scout Camporee. Director McCarthy suggested he come to the meeting tonight to explain the event to the Commissioners and be sure to answer any questions they may have before approving the permit.
3. Zach Perrotti – Eagle Scout Project proposal – Enhancement to Eisenhower Park particularly the lodge in the rear. Would like to make repairs so that all members of the City can use it safely. Shared plans and details with the Commission. He would like to finish the project late July or early August. Discussion and questions followed. The Commission thinks it is a good project.
4. Dog owner's proposal for Eisenhower Park dog run improvements.

Lisa Farrell, 202 Robert Treat Parkway – Spoke regarding her hope for improvements to the Eisenhower Dog Park. Would like to see a separate area for larger dogs and smaller dogs, proper landscaping, educating people on proper ownership and being responsible for their dogs, a larger well maintained area, benches, plastic bag dispensers, running water, proper signage and hope to raise awareness in support of the dog park.

Discussion and questions followed with other attendees and the Commissioners. Director McCarthy reported that Mark Lofthouse had mentioned that there was an area proposed in the Eisenhower Study Commission Plans. Chairman Worroll stated that he believes this sounds like a good idea and that the area probably does need some updating.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 2, 2010 City Hall Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary