

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2015

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 – Excused

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **June 3, 2015**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Anasantawae Room. 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 May 6, 2015.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the **May 6, 2015** minutes as read.
Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. None.

III. Correspondence – Piscitelli

1. Letter to Kids for Kids, Dancing For Life, Inc., Re: Donation of \$2,500 to the Milford Recreation Department's Adaptive Merry Milford Musical programs. Money to be used for scholarship to that program.

IV. Director's Report – Piscitelli

1. **Turf Fields Project – Piscitelli** – Project is progressing. The final initial designs are in the works. Complexities between the City and the YMCA continue to be discussed. Bids will be going out for the clearing of the land and the turf to be used within the next two months. Photos are available for viewing in the Recreation Department.

2. **Beach Report – Piscitelli** – Beaches opened last week. Memorial Day was very busy and crowded with a full complement of life guards and parking attendant. In the process of getting parking signs and barricades for the parking attendants to help control the parking situation. There is an increase in the number of people who want to play beach volleyball. Discussion ensued regarding the popularity of the sport as the number of players increase for both leagues and beachgoers who make up their own teams. Some players have requested more courts; however, due to beach erosion, adding more courts will interfere with the available beach for the general public. There are four (4) courts at Walnut Beach, two (2) at Gulf Beach and one (10 at Hawley Beach.

Discussion further included parking issues at Walnut Beach and the cost of parking and the possibility of implementing muni-parking meters pending Silver Sands preparing to install concessions and charge for parking to all who use the beach. This topic will be further discussed at future meetings.

V. **Commissioner's Report – Chairman Worroll**

1. **Golf Course – Chairman Worroll** – The building is in use. The Committee will be deciding if two new golf Carts should be purchased. Rounds are good and the golf course is in good shape.
2. **Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian** – All the benches that have been ordered have been installed including two for Linda Stock, the bench for Zabinski and Mr. Young. There are four (4) spots left at Walnut Beach and they have been reserved with deposits. There is no more room. Discussion ensued regarding the spacing between the benches and the possibility of doubling up. Another review of the area was suggested for the possibility of finding other locations within Walnut Beach area. Also, at month's end will launch the slat replacement program for the benches on The Green.

The Linda Stock bench located at the Parsons Center was installed with a memorial held in her honor and well attended.

VI. **Old Business**

Vice Chairman Fabian requested to speak about the signage for the Smoke & Tobacco Free Policy previously approved. There were no objections. Fabian inquired a status as to where the signs are and at what locations they will be place. Piscitelli advised that Public Works has been requested to make the signs and to meet with him to discuss visible locations. Piscitelli also mentioned that the independent leagues are doing a good job educating the groups.

VII. New Business

- 1. Milford Historical Society requests for signage on The Green** – John W. Clark, 70 Hinman Street, Stratford, CT 06614. Mr. Clark is on the Board of the Historical Society and is requesting to obtain a more visible and historical looking sign similar to the undated photo presented (circa 1930-1939). He would like to have the same style sign placed in the same location as the original one depicted in the photo. The present sign is in an awkward location and not very visible. He also indicated that a new historical looking sign would be prominent to the pedestrians visiting the venues and attending the functions on The Green. Mr. Clark would like to come back with the design for the Commissioners to review. Chairman Worroll asked if Clark would be making up the sign and Clark said yes and would like to make it as identical as possible to the one in the photo and will provide the post as well. Piscitelli advised that the sign would be installed with the cooperation of Public Works.

Commissioner Shashinka made a **Motion** to accept the Milford Historical Society requests for a new sign to be installed on The Green .

Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

- 2. Walnut Beach Association – request to place “Keep Our Beach Clean” signs at Walnut Beach and Walnut Beach Arts Plaza** – Piscitelli advised that Mrs. Lynn, who was unable to attend the meeting, asked that her request for signage be presented before the Commissioners. She would like the signs to be posted in the areas outside regulated sign permit application locations. She submitted a ‘Thank You for Keeping Our Walnut Beach Clean – Please dispose your trash – with a smiley face’. She would like to have approximately six (6) signs placed at various locations within the Walnut Beach area. The signs are about the size of yard signs to be placed in the ground. Discussion ensued regarding the style, color, verbiage and picture that should be on the sign.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the sign with the verbiage, style and picture to be approved by Director Piscitelli.

Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

VIII. Upcoming Events

1. Milford Junior Women's Club Touch-A-Truck – Sunday, June 7 @ Eisenhower
2. Ride For Hope – Sunday, June 7 – @ the Y - Rape Crisis Prevention and the YMCA - Beneficiaries
3. DMBA Pirate Day & Milford Bank 5K – Sunday, June 14 @ The Green
4. Charles Island SUP – Sunday, June 14 @ Walnut Beach
5. Halle's Hope 5K – Saturday, June 20 @ Walnut Beach
6. Bike Month – Ride Your Bike To Work – May 15.
7. Little Libraries of Milford – Sponsored by Friends of the Library – 'Take-A-Book/Return-A-Book' – Throughout the Summer
8. Kick-Off To Summer Bash – Thursday, July 2
9. Milford Chamber of Commerce Summer Nights by Harbor Lights Series – June 12 – August 7
10. Walnut Beach Concert Series – July 5 – August 30.

IX. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **July 1, 2015**, in the **Ansantawae Room**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo

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