

**Park, Beach and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 1, 2009**

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Suzanne DiBiase, Commissioner
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Jessica Blacketter, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission had their July meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, in City Hall. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m.

I. **Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on June 3, 2009.

Commissioners' Fabian and DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting as represented. Motion carried unanimously.

II. **Public Statement** – None.

III. **Correspondence**

1. Director McCarthy reported he received a telephone call from Chris LaPenna regarding dedication of fields in Milford. He reported Mr. LaPenna expressed an interest of dedicating a field in the name of an honorable citizen. Director McCarthy went on to explain the history of the Park, Beach and Recreation concerning dedications and that he also referred the caller to the Mayor. Director McCarthy stated Mr. LaPenna would likely come before this Commission next month with his proposal.

Vice Chairman Fabian commented she wished to remind the Commission about the bench dedication program.

2. Director McCarthy reported he would be meeting with the Mayor, the Vacino family and members of their LLC in charge of developing Bodies Place, a boundless playground. He stated the meeting would take place on July 8, 2009.

IV. **Director's Report**

1. Director McCarthy reported he met with the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director concerning the expiring 10-year lease of the McCann Natatorium. He stated they are trying to come up with a new lease agreement which would include new language, costs, etc that the City feels would be in the best interest of the City and the McCanns. Director McCarthy reported an assessment would be done by the Public Works Department as to what needs to be done as well as assessing cost of the facilities and upgrades necessary at the facility.

2. Director McCarthy reported the 4th annual Irish Festival has been scheduled for September 19, 2009 and that they have met with the police and fire departments as well as the Mayor and the Recreation Department concerning the set up of the festival.
3. Director McCarthy reported the NEMBA gathered on June 20, 2009 at Eisenhower Park to discuss ways Eisenhower Park can be a better place, specifically addressing the 7 miles of trails. He stated it is the hope of this group that the park will benefit from everyone's input.
4. Director McCarthy reported Camp Happiness received a directive from the Health Department concerning swine flu precautions.

V. **Commissioner Reports**

Chairman Worroll reported the Golf Course is doing very well and that they finally ordered a golf cart for the course. He stated it should be in place by July. He explained it is a trial basis and if it works out they may order a second cart. Chairman Worroll also noted several Independence Day celebrations throughout the City and encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

VI. **Old Business**

1. Director McCarthy reported he sent out the approval letters for the Eagle Scouts as discussed at the June meeting.

Chairman Worroll stated he was asked if any of the bridges at Walnut Beach are involved in this project.

Director McCarthy responded he did not have the proposal with him and that he did not recall if any of the bridges were identified.

Chairman Worroll stated he did not believe the bridges were involved and that they would be working in the area of the Devon Rotary parking lot area. He stated he wished to confirm this because of a call he received.

Director McCarthy stated he believed it was small structures such as tables; railings and that they also planned on building an enclosure for the handicap port-o-let.

Chairman Worroll noted the pot-o-let had been moved from the grass area to the ash. He stated the problem was that it was placed around the curbing, thereby making it wheelchair inaccessible.

VII **New Business**

1. Director McCarthy reported he had anticipated the arrival of Jean Werner regarding a proposal for a concession stand at Red Bush field. He reported she has a strong affiliation to the lacrosse program, but that the stand would be for all sports using that field. Director McCarthy stated he steered her away from any brick and mortar type structure, which would likely need utilities and also the possibility of vandalism to the structure in the off season. He reported he asked her to bring her proposal to this Commission. Director McCarthy also suggested she get a permit to vend a mobile cart.

2. Chairman Worroll stated discussion took place earlier in the evening regarding the proposal to place a cell phone tower in Eisenhower Park. He stated they heard some very good comments on both sides. He stated he would like to take a look at the site noting the area may not be as secluded as they think.

Commissioner Rowland commented it was her understanding cell towers were not allowed on State property. She stated the Commission should get more information as to why that was enacted.

Chairman Worroll recommended then Commission table this item until their next meeting, which would give them time to digest some of comments, do some research and look at the site.

Commissioners' Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to table the vote on the proposed cell phone tower at Eisenhower Park until the Commission's August meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Fabian and Rowland made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their net regular meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber, Recording Secretary
Acting for Sandra L. Betzig

(Note: Minutes are in draft form until approved by the Commission)