Park Beach and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting July 6, 2011

Members Present Absent Also Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman Kerri Rowland, Commissioner Sharon Fowler, Commissioner Patrick Dooling, Commissioner Public Works Representative Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Alderman Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their July meeting on July 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C in the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Chairman Worroll noted that Vice Chairman Fabian had a previous engagement and would not be attending tonight's meeting.

I. <u>Consideration of Minutes - of</u> the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on May 4, 2011.

Commissioner Rowland <u>made a motion</u> to accept the May 4, 2011 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Fowler and unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary, Sandra L. Betzig was not in attendance. Judith R. Toohey was recording secretary for the evening.

II. Public Statement

III. Correspondence

Director Piscitelli received an e-mail from the Concerned Citizens for People with Disabilities regarding
the Meg Casey Pavilion at Walnut Beach. Tony Candido wanted to make a donation from the committee.
It was explained that Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee will be working on the Beach as well as the
Pavilion. All monies would come from the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Director Piscitelli informed the board that Bill McCarthy retired as of June 24, 2011. Director Piscitelli went on to discuss what Mr. McCarthy brought to the Recreation Department. Chairman Worroll along with Commissioner Rowland discussed the many years working with Mr. McCarthy and what he meant to each.
- 2. Bodies Place Director Piscitelli stated that the park has been transferred to the city. It is always full, from 9 AM to 9 PM the park is busy. Public Works now keeps the rest rooms open daily and will continue to monitor the usage as the summer continues. Commissioner Dooling asked if the playground is now 100% complete. Director Piscitelli stated that the only area left to complete was the hand ball wall.
- 3. Director Piscitelli stated that we currently have over 400 children registered for summer programs throughout 6 elementary schools. We have 74 cultural programs which began right after the school year was over. The programs will run through the third week of August. Tennis is full and has many different age groups attending. Adult softball is in high gear with over 167 games pending due to the weather at the beginning of the season. Our programs also include Aqua Zumba, outdoor Zumba, as well as Yoga. Visits to the beaches are increasing. Walnut Beach has experienced larger crowds due to the boardwalk with little or no parking available. Facebook has increased its friends to over 950 people; it is a great tool which reaches a great many people. The McCann pool is open and looks good after the renovations to the pool and the facility.

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V. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Chairman Worroll talked about Walnut Beach Enhancement moving well, the welcome booth should soon be up, electricity will go in. Sidewalks to be built, Pier to East Broadway, access will address concerns for special needs. Improvements continue. The area is coming along well.
- Golf Course meeting will be next week. Chairman Worroll stated that rounds have been down due to weather.
- 3. Discussion took place regarding some calls Chairman Worroll had received about entertainment outside on decks, at bars, etc. The thoughts brought to him were with respect to the Oyster Festival, as well as other outside venues in which live bands or DJ's were used. Chairman Worroll contacted Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Rowland asked who had the responsibility for Silver Sands with respect to the Life Guards. Director Piscitelli stated that the state is responsible and has been for seven (7) years. Commissioner Rowland went on to ask about Anchor Beach. Discussion followed.

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. New Business

<u>1.</u> Director Piscitelli showed everyone the new logo for the Recreation Department. "Milford Recreation" Fun for Generations.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland <u>made a motion</u> to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Fowler and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 3, 2011 in Conference Room C in the Parsons Government Complex.

Respectfully submitted, Judith R. Toohey, Recording Secretary