

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

July 7, 2010

Members Present

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

Absent

Public Works Representative
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Nick Veccharelli Jr., Alderman

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their July meeting on July 7, 2010 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Auditorium. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Worroll noted that Vice Chairman Fabian was out of state and would not be present tonight.

- I. **Consideration of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on June 2, 2010.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to accept the June 2, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Fowler and unanimously carried.

- II. **Public Statement**

Joe Garbus, 60 Park Avenue – Gave a narrative on the overall plan for Walnut Beach/Silver Sands area and usage of grant money.

- III. **Correspondence**

1. Director McCarthy received a telephone call regarding what the safety policies and procedures are for thunder and lightning. He explained them to the caller and reviewed them with the Commissioners.
2. Director McCarthy explained that the Exer-Trac at Eisenhower Park was removed due to safety issues and concerns.
3. Director McCarthy reported that he had received an email from a concerned neighbor regarding skateboarders at Tri-Beach Neighborhood Center.
4. Director McCarthy reported that he had received a telephone call from Paul Lewis regarding the location of the new Dog Run at Eisenhower Park.

- IV. **Director's Report**

1. Director McCarthy updated the Commissioners on the meeting he attended at the Mayor's Office regarding the annual Milford Oyster Festival and the Annual Irish Festival.
2. Freedom of Information workshop report.
3. Bodies Place meeting update.
4. Meeting with Milford Rotary Pop Warner President David Hulme and Bill Garfield, recreation field scheduler. Shoreline Football has ceased operation. This frees up time and space at Milford Academy, which will relieve pressure from West Shore this season.

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V. Commissioner Reports

1. Chairman Worroll gave golf course update.
2. Chairman Worroll notified the Commission that one of the original members of the Golf Commission, Josephine Joy, passed away recently. Please keep the Joy family in your thoughts.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. M.I.L.L. lighting committee proposal to install permanent lights at Major Field.

Commissioner Dooling and Commissioner Fowler made and seconded a motion to approve the Milford International Little League lighting proposal that was submitted to the Commission at the June 2, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Rowland stated that as a member of the International Little League she will recuse herself from this vote.

Commissioner Fowler stated that she feels the lights are not a good idea for the neighborhood. Maybe fields that are already lit could be shared. She has concerns about costs of lighting and if in the future the league folded, would the City be left with any outstanding bill.

Chairman Worroll noted that he had recently visited the site. There is a tremendous traffic situation there. There is inadequate parking lot lighting. The walkways from Watrous Lane to that field are not lit. Could not find the exact spots for lighting stanchions. He expressed concerns regarding financing and concerns for the residents in the area. He stated that he could not support the lighting right now.

By vote, the motion to approve the Little League lighting fails, 3 no (Worroll, Dooling, Fowler) and 0 yes.

2. Director McCarthy reported that he is awaiting a response from the Police Department regarding viability of raising Beach Parking fee.

Commissioner Rowland made a motion to re-order the agenda and make item 2 under new business to be item 1. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

1. Milford Tree Commission update from Brian Mancini. Milford Legacy Arboretum handouts.
2. Steven Wing gave presentation for Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Rowland made a motion to approve the fence, welcome hut and sidewalk from the State boardwalk to Broadway as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously approved.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 4, 2010 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary