

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2007

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Absent

Public Works Representative
James Belluscio, Commissioner
Jacqueline Munk, Commissioner

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Kerri Rowland, Alderman
Joe Garbus, Alderman
Judith Toohey, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their August meeting on August 1, 2007 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. 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 July 11, 2007.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to accept the July 11, 2007 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

II. **Public Statement**

Kerri Rowland, 465 Pond Point Avenue – Expressed her sincere thanks to the Recreation Department for the Summer Playground program. Her children loved the program and the site director at Orchard Hills, Ian Kirkpatrick, who did a wonderful job with his staff and the children. Ms. Rowland also wanted to let the Commission know that she was in support of the Movie Night that will be held on the Green in September.

III. **Correspondence**

1. Chairman Worroll emailed Director McCarthy asking if Tom Ivers contacted him regarding \$40K playground grant.
2. Director McCarthy received an email from the Kingdom Life Church requesting use of the Parsons Gym from September-May on Saturday nights. Mr. McCarthy referred them to the Public Works Department who denied the request due to rising maintenance costs. The Recreation Department will offer them use of the West Shore Recreation Center.
3. Director McCarthy received an email from John O'Connell regarding abusive behavior by a gardener at the Community Gardens, towards a dog walker. Linda Ball will be sending out a letter to all Gardeners informing them that if they have a problem such as this, they should contact her and she will handle it.
4. Director McCarthy received an email from Kim Kell, Risk Manager requesting a list of employees for Blood Born Pathogen training.

IV. **Director's Report**

1. The International Little League did hold their Met's clinic. 60 children attended. They are still hoping to get the Recreation Department to support the clinic next year.

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2. Director McCarthy reported that some of the independent teams who use Platt Tech baseball field complained about the field maintenance. Bill Garfield sent Public Works an email on the situation. Public Works suggested they contact the school and get permission to work on the field themselves.
3. In preparation for opening day of Pop Warner, permission is granted to use the West Shore Recreation Center to take equipment inventory, etc. While they were doing this, some of their children vandalized things in the building. Dan Falaguerra was notified and promised to reprimand those involved.
4. Director McCarthy reported to the Commission that Mayor Richetelli and the Recreation staff were both agreeable to dedicating Washington Field to perpetuate the name of Ed Austin. Discussion followed, Commissioner Worroll stated the Commission is in agreement and that they would vote on the idea at the September meeting.
5. Director McCarthy extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the Summer Playground Program staff picnic to be held on Walnut Beach August 9, 2007 from 6 pm – 9 pm. Chairman Worroll stated that the Fire Department would be donating the use of their generator and wanted to thank them for all of their support.
6. Director McCarthy reported that himself and Bill Garfield attended a meeting this morning regarding the Board of Education not charging Milford resident programs any fees to use Board of Ed facilities. Discussion followed and Mr. McCarthy hopes that Dr. Polanski can help keep the costs of using fields down to a minimum. There will be a follow up meeting with Pop Warner, Shoreline Football and Milford United Soccer, next Tuesday at 4 pm to discuss these new ideas and regulations that they should be aware of before using these fields.
7. Director McCarthy reported that he attended a meeting with the Downtown Merchants Association requesting a Movie Night on the Milford Green, September 29, 2007. Mayor Richetelli gave his approval to let them give this a try, although Recreation Department and Public Works have previously denied this request due to safety concerns. Director McCarthy also reported that if this goes well, they would like to have a series of movie nights next year. Discussion followed and Chairman Worroll asked Director McCarthy to be sure that they are following all of the proper procedures.
8. A Free Skin Cancer screening clinic was held at Gulf Beach on July 28, 2007.
9. Director McCarthy reported that there would be a sexual harassment training session for department heads and supervisors on August 9, 2007.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the golf course is going well and the parking will be paved in conjunction with the Public Works paving in the fall.
2. Chairman Worroll reported that Tom Ivers approached him at a Board of Alderman meeting and informed him that Community Development has received a \$40,000 grant to be used specifically for recreation. It can be used any time after October 1, 2007 to upgrade or revamp any type of accessibility to parks and playgrounds.
3. Chairman Worroll spoke with Linda Ball recently, she is having a fundraiser on September 8, 2007 at Fowler Field.

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4. Chairman Worroll reported that he has gotten rave review regarding the fields being in great shape.
5. Chairman Worroll reported that he received a call from the City Clerk's office regarding a dog on City property. He found out exactly what the ordinance was and informed the woman of this.

VI. Old Business

1. Director McCarthy reported that the Farmer's Market paperwork has been taken care of.
2. Director McCarthy reported that the Trubee Doolittle parking was revamped with the same number of spaces, now on the side of the park.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Dooling **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commissioner's to hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 5, 2007 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Guglielmoni, Secretary