

**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 1, 2018**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 in Conference Room C (Ansantawae Room). Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Present**

D. Worroll  
A. Fabian  
F. Shashinka  
B. Bevan  
K. Rowland

**Also Present**

Director P. Piscitelli  
Ald. C. Gaynor

**Absent:** Ald. A. Sutton, Public Works Representative

**Public Comment**

M. Sanchez – 6 Haystack Road – stated she was here tonight in support of lights at Foote Field, adding it was long overdue and was glad this Commission was finally looking into it.

J. Sinnott – 1000 Naugatuck Avenue – echoed the remarks of the previous speaker. He stated he is a long time Milford resident and the need for lights at Foote Field is great.

T. Roberto – 44 Cornflower Drive – stated he too was here tonight regarding lighting at Foote Field. He stated Milford is a great little city to live in with so much to do. He stated lights at Foote Field would be a welcome addition and that he was in favor.

**Consideration of the Minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting**

Commissioners' Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Director Piscitelli stated he received a letter from Barbara Kiernan requesting a bench or benches at the playground at the corner of West Main Street and Hill Street. He pointed out she was not looking for dedication benches, but simply benches to sit and enjoy watching her children play. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Piscitelli stated he would contact the Public Works Director regarding placement of the bench(es).

## **Director's Report**

Director Piscitelli stated it has been a hot, busy summer, along with another successful playground program. He pointed out the program was changed to five (5) sites this year with the program ending at 5:30 p.m. He also reported the beaches are very populated and incident free to date. Director Piscitelli spoke about the beach parking study. He stated administratively it has been a headache since they don't take credit cards. He stated serious discussion continues regarding parking meters and kiosks. He stated they have also spoke with the contractor about putting conduits, etc for future use. Director Piscitelli reported the Camp Happiness program was well attended and continues to be very successful. He announced next Wednesday a memorial garden/plaque would be dedicated in memory of Don Civitello, who started the program nearly 51 years ago. Director Piscitelli also reported the opening of the splash pad and pickle ball courts. He stated there are still some operational items being sorted out, but otherwise the Pickle ball courts are very popular. He reported the final day of interviews took place today for the two positions in his office. He explained when the administrative assistant retired her position was divided into two part-time positions. He stated they hoped to have someone on board shortly after Labor Day. Final interviews were held today. He stated the part-time marketing position would help to improve the website, etc.,

## **Commissioner Reports**

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported round are up slightly, but of course are dependent on weather.

b) Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairwoman Fabian reported the Danyko Bench and Dr. Feser benches at Walnut Beach had been installed. She stated there were four (4) benches (Kell Bench on the Green, Blum Bench at Trubee Doolittle Park, Baston Family Bench in Morningside and Riviere Bench on the Green awaiting installation. Vice Chairwoman Fabian stated it may be time to conduct an inventory to see where they are with benches and explore new locations. She also reported there are three (3) benches on order (Mirmina Bench at Walnut Beach and the Sand in the Shoes Committee, 2 benches at Walnut Beach). Vice Chairwoman Fabian reported there is one (1) bench slat replacement for the Cook Bench on the Green near Lafayette and two (2) benches awaiting plaques (Lindstrom plaque at Fort Trumbull and Elm Street and the Bowen plaque at Bodie's Place).

Director Piscitelli stated along the water and burm there is no more room for benches. He also commented ordering and shipping of the benches has been great, but installation has been difficult due to manpower shortages in the Public Works Department. A brief discussion ensued.

## **Unfinished Business**

1) Volleyball Courts at Walnut Beach – Director Piscitelli reported he continues to work with GIS regarding images and expected to have more information to bring to the Commission next month.

Commissioners Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to postpone this item to next month while waiting for additional information. Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

- 1) Use of Milford Green (May 10-12, 2019 and October 13, 2019) – Director Piscitelli stated the only change to this request from last year is that she would like an extra day (Thursday) to set up administrative.

Commissioners' Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to approve use of the Milford Green for May 10-12, 2019 and October 13, 2019, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Use of Walnut Beach Rotary Pavilion June 22, 2019.

Commissioners' Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to approve use of the Walnut Beach Rotary Pavilion June 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Request for Eagle Scout project at Eisenhower Park.

Director Piscitelli welcomed Marco Buschauer who has been working with the library with a project that marries the library and Eisenhower Park.

Master Buschauer continued with his PowerPoint presentation entitled "Story Walk."

Chairman Worroll thanked Master Buschauer for the wonderful presentation, adding Eisenhower Park would be a key location in Milford.

Director Piscitelli stated no other permits would be needed. He noted the high schools cross country teams use some of the trails for their meets, so he would check with the athletic directors, but added the concept is a great idea.

Commissioners' Shashinka and Fabian made and seconded a motion to accept the "Story Walk" project of Marco Buschauer provided the trails used by the high school track teams were not blocked in any manner.

Master Buschauer stated he was looking to raise \$10,000 for the project.

Commissioner Bevan asked Master Buschauer if he would be creating the pole stands were the books would be placed.

Master Buschauer stated he has been researching stands that are weather resistant, etc. He explained the concept of the stand which will hold the book.

Motion carried unanimously.

4) Foote Field – Lighting – Chairman Worroll commented he has been involved with softball for over 40 years. He spoke of the Harold Foote tournament where the proceeds were to go towards lights many, many years ago. He stated currently the only field with lights is Washington Field. He stated lights at Foote Field are long, long overdue.

Director Piscitelli stated lights at Foote Field have been proposed for over 30 years and pointed out have been in the capital improvement plan for as many years. He stated the idea is consistent with the Eisenhower Park Plan study and Milford's Plan of Conservation and Development and would round out the new splash pad and pickleball courts at Eisenhower Park. Director Piscitelli also stated they could lose as many as 10 games a night when the city no longer has use of the field at Platt Tech when the school expansion begins.

Commissioner Shashinka asked about the cost of the lights.

Director Piscitelli stated at one time there was bond money available. He pointed to the bond recently approved by the aldermen for playground upgrades and improvements. He stated if such a bond were approved the Recreation Department would then absorb the cost of the lights. He also spoke of LED lighting which would help reduce the overall expenses. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rowland stated it is long, long overdue. She stated she was on the Board of Aldermen when lighting at Foote Field first came up and currently a member of this Commission.

Commissioner' Rowland and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to proceed move forward with the Installation of lights at Foote Field. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners' Fabian and Shashinka moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary