

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

August 4, 2010

Members Present

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

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli Jr., Alderman

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their August meeting on August 4, 2010 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room B of the Parson's Government Complex. Vice Chairman Fabian 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 7, 2010.

Commissioner Fowler **made a motion** to accept the July 7, 2010 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

- II. **Public Statement**

Frank Goodrich, 70 Regent Terrace - Spoke in favor of naming the boardwalk after Joe Garbus. He has been an advocate in that neighborhood for 20 years, he is on the Walnut Beach Association, and he promoted the neighborhood and was influential in getting the funding for the boardwalk. We should honor him in this way.

Kim Rose, 292 Naugatuck Avenue – Spoke in favor of honoring Joe Garbus by naming the boardwalk after him.

Bill Bevan, 23 Merlin Circle – Congratulated the board on voting down the request for lighting at Major Field by the M.I.L.L. He has received numerous calls from residents and also people in the league, who did not want the lights. He also presented the idea of naming the new park at Caswell Cove after Nick Veccharelli.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to re-order the agenda and make item 3 under New Business to be next on the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

- III. **New Business**

3. David Hulme, Pop Warner, made annual request to the Commission for permission to install temporary lighting at West Shore field from approximately the last week in August thru mid November from dark until 8:30 – 8:45 pm as needed.

Vice Chairman Fabian asked Director McCarthy if he has received any complaints regarding the lights in the past. Director McCarthy replied there was only one and it was taken care of.

Commissioner Rowland asked Mr. Hulme if he has received complaints, issues or concerns from parents or residents. He stated that he had not.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to accept the proposal from the Milford Rotary Pop Warner Eagles to

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put 3 sets of temporary lights at West Shore from the last week of August until possibly mid November, Monday – Friday to be lit at dark and turned off no later than 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

IV. Correspondence

1. Director McCarthy received the annual request from Vaughn Dumas to use Eisenhower Park for the Fire Muster.

Chairman Rowland **made a motion** to approve the Fire Muster as presented in the hard copy letter received by Director McCarthy. Seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously carried.

2. Director McCarthy updated the Commission on the Milford Digs Dogs Club and dog park development process.
3. Director McCarthy received a telephone call from Alderman Paula Smith regarding Caswell Cove Park asking what he knows about the area and feelings about this area becoming a park. Monday night the Board of Alderman made this area a City park. Chairman Worroll met with Alderman Greg Smith at the location previous to the Board of Aldermen meeting. He also appeared before the board for any questions. The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will name the park at a later date.

V. Director's Report

1. Met with Mayor Richetelli and Bruce Kolwicz regarding ball field conditions, which this year have been a subject of great concern to more than the average number of softball players. Beginning October 1 Public Works will begin correcting the draining problems at Washington Field. The other 6 fields will be groomed on a daily basis.

Commissioner Rowland expressed her concerns that perhaps some fields may be getting preferential treatment. She does work here in the Parsons Complex and sees Wasson baseball field being worked on every day in the spring. She also expressed concerns about the softball league losing this much time at Washington Field.

2. Met with Steve Wing, Ray Oliver and Nick Filipidis at Gulf Beach regarding Walnut Beach Plan. Director McCarthy deferred to Chairman Worroll.

Chairman Worroll reported that there was a meeting last night and the storage shed was the top priority for the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee. The fence and other items will go out to bid shortly.

3. The Summer Playground Program at Orchard Hills had to be relocated due to a B.O.E. paving job at the school.

Commissioner Rowland stated that her daughter attended the Orchard Hills Summer Playground and that in a year of transition for all students in Milford, this was a very poor lack of communication on the Board of Education's part. Commissioner Rowland that she believes Summer Playground is a great program for the children of Milford.

Chairman Worroll re-opened Public Speaking due to the meeting being relocated from Conference Room C to Conference Room B.

James Winkelman, 222 Third Avenue – Would like to submit a name for the Walnut Beach boardwalk,

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Joe Garbus. Joe is and has worked very hard in developing that community and he should be honored for this.

VI. **Commissioner Reports**

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the Golf Course is doing well.
2. Vice Chairman Fabian reported that the third bench in the bench dedication program should be installed sometime in late September at Gulf Beach.

VII. **Unfinished Business**

1. Director McCarthy reported that he is still awaiting a response from the Police Department regarding beach parking fees and fines.

VIII. **New Business**

1. DMBA President Michele Merchant contacted director McCarthy regarding the scheduling of events on the Green on Saturdays. She was scheduled to attend this meeting, but did not show up.
2. Chairman Worroll stated that the resolution submitted by Alderman Paula Smith and Alderman Phil Vetro to name the City portion of the boardwalk as "Water Farley Boardwalk".

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to name the municipal side of the boardwalk Walt Farley Boardwalk. Seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

Commissioner Rowland asked for clarification from Chairman Worroll on this issue.

Commissioner Rowland asked for an update on the Walnut Beach Committee discussions.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Rowland withdrew her motion to name the boardwalk Walter Farley Boardwalk. Seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

Commissioner Dooling **made a motion** to table this issue until the September meeting. Seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously carried.

IX. **Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 1, 2010 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary