

`Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2015

Members Present

Dan Worroll, Jr. – Chairman
Ann Fabian – Vice Chairman
Felicia Shashinka – Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Dan German, Aldermanic Liaison
Kerri Rowland – Commissioner - Excused
Frank Giustino – Commissioner - Excused

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli - Recreation

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **August 5, 2015**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Anasantawae Room. Chairman Worroll, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on July 1, 2015.

Chairman Worroll made a **Motion** to accept the **July 1, 2015** minutes as read.
Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. None.

III. Correspondence – Piscitelli

Letter from Diane Goll – Re: Joseph A. Foran Reunion – Request for Walnut Beach Pavilion in 2016 Season.

Piscitelli advised the Commissioners that Ms. Goll is requesting to reserve a date in advance for a Foran High School Reunion to be held in late August 2016. Current guidelines are that recurring events for this venue have right of first return and the calendar is populated with returning events after January 1.

After discussion, the Commissioners determined that the guidelines in effect are appropriate and Ms. Goll's event should be booked in January 2016.

IV. Director's Report – Piscitelli

- 1. Turf Fields Project – Piscitelli** – Director Piscitelli advised that the Board of Alderman approved the land swap between the City and the YMCA. The YMCA Board of Governors will be meeting on August 19 which will be their final step in the process. Liens on the property continue to be worked on through the banks. Construction documents are being prepared to go out to bid in September. In November/December, given the weather situation, the land will be cleared in preparation of the construction this spring.
Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of installing lights in the field, the cost and budget constraints.
- 2. Summer Programs – Piscitelli** – Summer Programs are concluding and it was another successful year.
- 3.** An inquiry from the family of the Late Alan Jepson was made in possibly naming a location or facility in his honor. A site that was mentioned and may be a possibility is the Gazebo on the Green. No formal request has been made.

V. Commissioner's Report – Chairman Worroll

- 1. Golf Course** – The new building is occupied and currently looking into purchasing two new golf carts.
- 2. Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian** – Four new benches have been ordered. One bench will be installed by the Duck Pond and three will be installed at Walnut Beach on existing pads. Putting final preparations on a press release for September for the promotion of the bench slat replacement program.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

Discussion of Beach Parking Program and Fees – **Piscitelli** presented handouts depicting revenue collected for parking over the years and what various municipalities charge for municipal beach parking in their towns. He gave a brief account of the current parking issues Walnut Beach.

Discussion ensued with several possibilities and more questions being raised regarding the situation which included installing parking meters and/or kiosks meters, hiring a parking enforcement officer, expansion of the current parking lot and surrounding area; and the high probability of the impact parking will have on the residents who reside in the area. Further discussion involving the increase of fees should at least match the State and, the City should be able to recoup costs for any implementation, maintenance and personnel. The Commissioners agreed that it is difficult to make a recommendation at this time without having enough information due to the impact that it will have on the many variables. They would like to see a task/focus group involving departments who will be involved to determine the scope and best scenarios in order to achieve a prudent recommendation for a revised beach parking ordinance to be enforced. The Commissioners will further discuss this topic at the next meeting.

VIII. Upcoming Events:

1. Annual Milford Oyster Festival – Saturday, August 15, 2015

Chairman Worroll mentioned Oyster Festival Eve will be held on Friday evening, August 14, and that the Kick-Off To Summer Blast held in July was a complete success and it will be held again next year on Friday, July 1.

IX. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **September 2, 2015**, in the **Ansantawae Room**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo

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