

**Park, Beach and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2009**

Members Present

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

Absent

Public Works Representative
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Jessica Blacketter, Alderman
Judith Toohey, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission had their September meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, in City Hall. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. **Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on August 5, 2009.

Commissioners' Fabian and DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2009 meeting as represented. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Fabian and Dooling made and seconded a motion to add to the Agenda "request for additional lighting at West Shore Field" under New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Dooling and Fabian made and seconded a motion to move tree plantings at Grove Circle to New Business on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

II. **Public Statement**

NONE

Chairman Worroll mentioned that he received approximately 8 telephone calls regarding the Commission meetings that were broadcast on TV. All of the comments he received were positive. Most people liked having a different Commission televised.

Commissioners' DiBiase and Fabian made and seconded a motion to move New Business up on the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **New Business**

1. Bob Gregory spoke regarding the bocce court at the corner of Naugatuck Avenue and Broadway. The Walnut Beach Association Beautification Committee approached him requesting permission to fill it in with dirt and create a garden. It is currently overgrown with weeds and not being used. The Walnut Beach Association would maintain the garden.

Commissioners' Fabian and made and seconded a motion to accept the proposal to change the bocce ball court at the corner of Naugatuck and Broadway being maintained by the Walnut Beach Association Beautification Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Director McCarthy reported the he received a request from Pop Warner for extra lighting at West Shore Field. Last year they had 7 teams and received approval for 2 light units. This year they have 10 teams and are requesting using 3 light units.

Commissioner's Fabian and Dooling made and seconded a motion to accept the proposal for Pop Warner to have three sets of lights at West Shore Recreation Center four nights a week until 8:30 p.m. through the second week in November. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Chairman Worroll asked Director McCarthy to speak regarding a request by Nanci Seltzer to plant four trees at Grove Circle during Devon Day. After discussion, the Commission decided they would like to review exactly what these plans are for Grove Circle planting before voting on them.

Director McCarthy will contact Kate Orecchio of the Tree Commission and ask her to come to the October meeting during which they should update the Commission on what they have been doing around town and any future plans they may have.

IV. Correspondence

1. Director McCarthy reported that he received an email from Ray Macaluso of the Milford Columbus Club. They would like to build a bocce court at the Milford Academy. They have received their approvals from Public Works and the Mayor and are hoping to have the plans ready for the October meeting.

Vice Chairman Fabian asked where the bocce court was going to be located.

Director McCarthy said the he did not know the location.

Vice Chairman Fabian noted that the Babe Ruth Wasson League has received some grant money that has not been spent. The City is supposed to use some of the money to put in two bullpens around the baseball diamond at Parson's Field and the Academy Field.

2. Director McCarthy reported that he was presented with a proposal to put up a sign at the Academy soccer field. The Commission discussed placement and maintenance of the sign.

Commissioners' Fabian and DiBiase made and seconded a motion to accept the proposal to put a James L. White field sign at the Milford Academy soccer fence closest to the parking with the stipulation that it adheres to all of the Zoning Regulations of the City of Milford. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Director McCarthy reported that he received a telephone call from the West Haven Recreation Director regarding complaints of powered paragliders who are launching from Silver Sands.

4. Director McCarthy reported that he received an email from Alderman Jessica Blacketter expressing her support for the Eisenhower Park volunteers, specifically N.E.M.B.A.
5. Director McCarthy reported that Regina Cahill had made a request to place a historical marker honoring Peter Pond. She will be working with the traffic commission regarding a spot on Gulf Street to place the marker.

V. **Director's Report**

1. Director McCarthy gave an update on N.E.M.B.A. meeting with Mayor and environmentalists about concerns they have with the project this group would like to do at Eisenhower Park. He asked Joe Woyciesjes, (N.E.M.B.A.) to update the Commission on a small trial project they will be doing behind Foote Field. This trial project will be for the environmentalists to see an example of what the group does and how they do it. Upon completion of this project, and these concerns being satisfied, they can move forward with acquiring approvals for the Eisenhower Park trail project.
2. Director McCarthy reported that the Devon Day meeting went well and will be held 9-13-09.
3. Director McCarthy updated the Commission on Walnut Beach Boardwalk meeting he attended August 1, 2009. The Department of Public Works Commissioner verbally approved the project. They would like to start the project in November.

Chairman Worroll spoke regarding the Milford portion of the boardwalk coming under Park, Beach and Recreation Commission jurisdiction. He stated that they should see the plans before the project goes forward.

4. Director McCarthy reported that all of our summer programs had a successful year and thanked all of the program supervisors.

Commissioner Fabian stated that Paul Piscitelli did a very good job rescheduling, due to all of the rain, to make it as fair as possible to all of the teams playing.

VI. **Commissioner Reports**

Chairman Worroll reported that the golf course has taken possession of a golf cart.

Chairman Worroll reported that the following events would be held in September:

9-11 Ceremony at City Hall; Fire Muster; Gardeners Fundraiser; Devon Day; Relay For Life; Rotary Oktoberfest; FOS/FOF; Irish Festival; United Way Kickoff

Commissioner Fabian noted that the last Servants of Christ Bike Night at Gulf Beach would be on September 17 and the Bike Club would be presenting a donation check to Camp Happiness.

Commissioner Fabian reported that she received another request for a bench dedication at Gulf Beach. Discussion of the Bench Dedication Program followed.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

1. Jack Patrick presented a modified version of his Eagle Scout project to the Commission. This would be to extend the existing water lines at the Community Gardens.

Commissioners' Fabian and DiBiase made and seconded a motion to accept the proposal by Jack Patrick to install new spigots and irrigation system at the Community Gardens in compliance with Public Works and any other regulations of the City of Milford. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Fabian and DiBiase made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their net regular meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Recording Secretary

(Note: Minutes are in draft form until approved by the Commission)