

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2014

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Felicia Shashinka, Commissioner
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

Absent

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

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **September 3, 2014**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Chairman Daniel Worroll, Jr., 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 June 4, 2014.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the June 4, 2014 minutes as read.

Commissioner Rowland seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

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

III. Correspondence

1. Letter from United Way Re: Goal Thermometer on The Green.

Director Piscitelli approved United Way's request for permission to install the UW goal thermometer on the Green from Labor Day to on or about January 1, 2015.

2. Letter from Pop Warner Football Re: Temporary Portable Lights at West Shore Field.

Director Piscitelli approved Milford's Pop Warner Program to use temporary lighting at the West Shore Recreation Field from Monday, August 25 to and including Monday, November 10, 2014, Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

3. Letter from 375th Committee Re: Time Capsule Submission Sign on The Green.

Director Piscitelli approved The Milford 375th Anniversary Committee permission to install a sign on the Green from August 13 through October 15, 2014, to advertise the 375th Time Capsule and to solicit submissions.

IV. Director's Report

1. **Turf Fields Project** – Director Piscitelli – Currently negotiating the contract with BSC group of Glastonbury to do design work. Preliminary site work is being done to determine what the layout is going to be for the fields. Anticipate construction groundbreaking in the spring of 2015.
2. **Basketball Court Painting & Eisenhower Park Handball Painting** – Director Piscitelli – Outdoor basketball courts have been repainted with game lines and resurfaced; including the handball court at Eisenhower Park.
3. **iCan Shine Bike Camp** – Director Piscitelli – This one week program held at the Parsons Gym taught physically and mentally challenged children to independently ride conventional bicycles. The program was well received with 25 children participating. Piscitelli complimented both the iCan Shine Staff and volunteers for the tremendous job. Donations were received from Milford service clubs which will help offset the cost of the program. The Recreation Department will offer this program again next year.
4. **Credit Card Acceptance** – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli advised that the Recreation Department began taking credit cards in June, and as of this date 73% of all transactions are now done with credit cards. He also indicated that this has improved the efficiency of registration.
5. **Big Belly Solar Trash Receptacles** – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli indicated that five Big Belly Solar trash compactors were purchased and placed at Walnut Beach (2), Gulf Beach, Bodie's Place and Lisman Landing. Each compactor takes about three times the regular amount of trash as a 55 gallon trash can. This eliminates frequent pick-up and due to the design it is difficult for households to place trash in them. Anticipate purchasing additional compactors in the future.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Golf course is doing well. Groundbreaking for the new maintenance building will take place this week.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll – The Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee is using the last of the monies for a project to clean up the area along Naugatuck Avenue and Walnut Beach. Worroll also mentioned, for future consideration, the possibility of expanding the parking lot at Walnut Beach as Silver Sands intends to build a concession and charge admission fees for access. He estimates the expansion cost to be approximately \$170,000.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Fabian – Fabian advised that this is the six-year anniversary from the dedication of the first bench. There will be a re-dedication of the first bench ceremony on September 30 at Gulf Beach at sunset. There have been 20 to 30 benches dedicated during this tenure. Fabian mentioned pending bench dedications which information will be available at future meetings.

VI. Old Business

1. **Scoot & Paddle Update – Director Piscitelli** – Scoot & Paddle was issued a temporary trial permit to rent paddle boards on Walnut Beach. All insurance compliance was satisfactorily met. Permit will expire Columbus Day weekend.

VII. New Business

1. **Girl Scout Project at Wilcox Park – Alexis Berard, Addison Foley, Victoria Benedicto, Delia Eisenman, Aliana Robert** – Advised the Commissioners of their project in order to earn the **Silver** Award. Their project is to remove invasive species and garden waste placed by the neighboring community from Wilcox Park. Their project consists of creating a meadow habitat, educating the community regarding the problem of invasive plants and the dumping of garden waste in the park; signage, and will also plant native species which will provide food for wildlife and birds. They will work under the supervision of Steve Johnson and Maryrose Palumbo.

Discussion: Commissioner Worroll inquired of Piscitelli if he had comments on the project. Piscitelli indicated that it is a very good project and consistent with other projects in the parks.

Commission Rowland complimented the Girl Scouts on their presentation.

Commission Rowland made a **Motion** to accept this project as read.

Vice Chairman Fabian seconds **Motion**.

Discussion: None.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. **MUSC request for Temporary Portable Lights at Parsons, Pond Point & the Gardens** – Mark McGeehan, 58 Beaverbrook Road, Milford; Chris Paton, 78 Cricklewood Road, Milford – Director Piscitelli advised the Commissioners background information that the MUSC had previously requested temporary lighting at the Parsons Center which was approved for the past five-six years. The MUSC was asked to present before them their request for additional lighting at several different locations as sited. McGeehan and Paton represent the two divisions of the MUSC. They indicated that due to hiring new trainers and having additional training it is difficult to train everyone at Parson Center. Having the temporary portable lights at the various locations will afford them to stagger the training times and provide a safe area for everyone especially departing after dark.

Discussion: Chairman Worroll inquired about the hours and days of operation, lights being directed away from residential areas; and permitting the field areas and noise pollution as a result of using a generator. McGeehan and Paton advised that due to staggering the days, the times will 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Gardens, and 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Point Beach; and from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Parsons.

Commission Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the MUSC's request for temporary portable lights at Pond Point, the Gardens and at Parsons.

Vice Chairman Fabian seconds **Motion**.

Discussion: None.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. **Manu'iwa Canoe Club request to house equipment at Gulf Beach** – Cormac Byrne, 125 Lexington Way North, Milford, CT; Mike Smith, 44 Warren Street, Milford – Byrne advised that the Club has been based on Bittersweet in the Devon area. Photos of the types of boats within the club were distributed. Boats are currently held under a tent and as a result of damage during Hurricane Sandy, would like to relocate with two storage containers in the parking lot at Gulf Beach in the non-residential parking area. The two-40' storage containers would be back-to-back and placed at the northeast corner of the beach for the purpose of season storage of six-40' man boats.

Discussion: Vice Chairman Fabian inquired about the launching of the boats; Piscitelli advised this is a non-issue as canoes and kayaks launch from this area and this will not interfere with beach activity.

Chairman Rowland made a **Motion** to approve the Manu'i wa Canoe Club's request to house their equipment at Gulf Beach.

Vice Chairman Fabian seconds **Motion**.

Discussion: None.

Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Worroll – Mentioned that the Milford Irish Festival will be on September 19. The Community Gardens will hold their Garlic Festival on September 27 and there will be a Salute to Veterans with a fireworks display on November 8. The parade will be on November 9.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Fabian 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 **October 1, 2014** in **Conference Room "C"**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo

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