**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in Conference Room C (Ansantawae Room). Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll Director P. Piscitelli

F. Shashinka Ald. C. Gaynor (5:40 p.m.)

B. Bevan

**Excused**: A. Fabian, K. Rowland

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Consideration of the Minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting**

Commissioners’ Bevan and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Director Piscitelli stated he would present correspondence under New Business.

**Director's Report**

Director Piscitelli reported all summer programs had concluded, with all programs being successful. He also reported the new parking meters at Walnut Beach exceeded all expectations and that he would have a final number next month. Director Piscitelli stated overall compliance was good. He reported the meters are now off and display a sign, no fee required. Director Piscitelli reported the Walnut Beach Concert series wrapped up this past Sunday, but other events continue until early October. He reported Fowler Field is booked with events the next three weeks. Director Piscitelli the Storywalk was installed at Eisenhower Park over the weekend, with paving done between Eisenhower Park and Foote Field. He also reported some curbing was being done as well. Director Piscitelli reported the splash pad is still operating and explained traditionally it is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, but with the nice weather it has been extended. He reported basketball registration opens this week. He reported they have started to clear out the lifeguard stations which will then be pulled off the beaches.

Commissioner Bevan stated he received a call from an assistant cross-country coach who mentioned the Story Walk was into one of the cross country trails.

Director Piscitelli stated he met with Mr. Johnson, Public Works and Charlie Phillips (Law) and walked the trail and they did not see any potential problems. He mentioned a freak storm that came through Milford last week that impacted north Milford. A brief discussion ensued.

**Commissioner Reports**

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the course is doing well this year. He stated the Golf Commission purchased an additional golf cart for a total of 7 electric carts. Chairman Worroll also reported the RFP posted today for the management of the golf course.

Director Bevan asked if it is a one year contract.

Chairman Worroll stated the last contract was a three year contract, that included several extensions. A brief discussion ensued.

b) Bench Dedication Program – no report.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

1) Request from the United Way of Milford to put an A Frame Sign on the downtown green (requested annually).

Director Piscitelli stated United Way makes this request every year for their annual campaign and that he did not see a problem with the request.

Commissioners’ Bevan and Shaskinka made and seconded a motion to allow United Way of Milford to put an “A” frame sign on the green for the duration of their annual campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Request of Tony and Sandra Evangelista to use Trubee Doolittle Park (Woodmont) for a wedding reception on July 11, 2020.

Mrs. Evangelista explained they were asking for an early approval because they have family coming in from all across the country. She also, provided background on another wedding that was held this past summer at the Trubee Doolittle Park that had a crowd in excess of 50 people.

Mr. Evangelista commented some of the neighbors were not happy about the park being used in that manner, but overall there were no problems. A brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. Evangelista stated they live directly across the street of the park. She stated the park is always open even when the park is being used for an event and that she has never seen any problems. She stated the park is always open to the public.

Commissioner Bevan asked if the Borough Warden was notified of this date.

Mr. and Mrs. Evangelista both stated he was notified. Director Piscitelli added his department also notified Woodmont of the application.

Commissioners Shashinka and Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve the application of Tony and Sandra Evangelista to use Trubee Doolittle Park for a wedding reception on July 11, 2020.

Chairman Worroll questioned the potential of any conflict since the date questioned is the Saturday following the Fourth of July.

Director Piscitelli stated there are only two events held at the park annually

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners’ Shashinka and Bevan moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary