

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2011

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

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director
Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their September meeting on September 7, 2011 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll 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 August 3, 2011.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to accept the August 3, 2011 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Fowler and unanimously carried.

- II. **Public Statement**

Bill Bevan, 23 Merlin Circle – Addressed the Commission regarding an incident that happened during the Walnut Beach Road Race. Someone spray painted the 3-mile marker on the new boardwalk and he had received several phone calls regarding this issue. He explained that the Milford Road Runners did not do the painting, but that he still has not found out who did. Requested that if anyone became aware of future races to please let the race director know that only children's chalk is to be used for markings on the road.

- III. **Correspondence**

1. Director Piscitelli reported that a thank you letter was received from Homes for the Brave for the food donation received from the Community Gardens program.
2. Director Piscitelli received an email from Steve Wing updating him on storm damage from Irene. Trees fell, soil movement in parking lot, clogged storm drains, and the Building Inspection Department has deemed Casey Pavilion dangerous and unsafe. Paul will be working with Steve to find out if Walnut Beach Enhancement funds can be used to repair and possibly move the pavilion.

- IV. **Director's Report**

1. Summer Programs have concluded. Very successful summer.
2. The Recreation Department has a new URL address – www.milfordrecreation.org.
3. Fall Program registration has begun.
4. Met with Linda Ball to discuss Community Gardens projects (entrance gate, moving mulch, storage trailer, tree removal) and getting them started.
5. Storm Irene damage report – minimal damage to Recreation assets.
6. Director Piscitelli asked the Commissioners to review the Recreation Recommendations for the City of

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Milford Plan of Conservation and please give him any input they have.

V. **Commissioner Reports**

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the Golf Course is going well; the numbers are down due to weather.
2. Chairman Worroll Walnut Beach Enhancement Update – project is moving along, purchased 4 security cameras.
3. Commissioner Rowland inquired as to when the bathrooms at Walnut Beach are open? When they are not open? Labor Day weekend - Did we have lifeguards on duty? Were the beaches closed as of Monday from the hurricane? How long did they stay closed? What exactly is the bathroom policy at Walnut Beach?

Director Piscitelli reported that in preparation for the storm, Public Works went around and picked up trashcans, picnic tables and lifeguard stands. Without a lifeguard stand a lifeguard cannot effectively guard the beach. Saturday and Sunday pre-hurricane the beaches had high bacteria levels due to heavy rains and were not safe for swimming. No lifeguards were scheduled. After the storm, due to the water still testing high bacteria, the beaches remained closed. A news release was sent to television and newspapers, on Facebook, Milford Patch and on our website. Signs were posted “Unsafe Swimming” at the beaches by the Milford Health Department before Labor Day weekend. The bathrooms are open by the beach parking attendant (9 – 4) pm from July 1 thru Mid-August. Memorial Day – July 1 and Mid-August to Labor Day it is weekends only.

4. Vice Chairman Fabian gave a brief update on the Bench Program.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

VII. **New Business**

Andrew Beetham, Program Manager at the Kennedy Center requested permission to plant and dedicate a tree at the Margaret Egan Center and at West Shore Recreation. He explained that he would be working with Milford Trees, Inc. on this project. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to allow the trees to be planted/donated by Milford Trees, Inc. at Margaret Egan and West Shore and dedicated with a final location approval from Director Piscitelli. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:04 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 October 5, 2011 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary