Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting October 1, 2014

<u>Members Present</u> Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman Kerri Rowland, Commissioner Felicia Shashinka, Commissioner Frank Giustino, Commissioner AbsentAlso PresentPublic Works RepresentativePaul Piscitelli, Recreation DirectorNick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic LiaisonDan German, Aldermanic LiaisonDan Fabian, Vice Chairman – Excused

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **October 1, 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 September 3, 2014.

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the September 3, 2014 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.

Dr. Constance Young, 37 Loomis Street, Chair Milford Board of Health – Spoke in favor of a Tobacco Free Policy for Milford for underlining health reasons.

Ray Vitali, 48 Founders Way, Member of Board of Aldermen and Chair of Milford Prevention Council – Spoke in favor of a Tobacco Free Policy for Milford for the following reasons: (1) second hand smoke, (2) cigarette litter is hazardous, and (3) children model adult behavior.

III. Correspondence

Letter from Homes For The Brave & Friends of Beth El – Director Piscitelli presented thank you letters to the Board from Homes For The Brave and Friends of Beth El, thanking the Milford Community Gardens for the generous donations of over 300 lbs. of organically fresh produce.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Turf Fields Project Director Piscitelli This project is progressing. Surveys and preliminary work is currently being done for the design phase which should begin in mid-November.
- 2. Eisenhower Park/Community Gardens Improvements Director Piscitelli Updated the Commissioners on the progress of Public Works relocating and enlarging the entrance/exit area which will enhance the safety of the traffic flow in and around the garden as well as the entrance and exits onto North Street.
- **3.** Fall Programs Director Piscitelli Fall Programs are under way with 30 plus children programs as well as adult programs. Enrollment is consistent with pass years. Recreation supervisors are constantly working on new ways to get more people involved.

V. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Golf Course Committee Chairman Worroll Golf course is doing well. Construction for the new building is underway. The building will house maintenance equipment as well as additional golf carts.
- 2. Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee Chairman Worroll Most of the Grant money has been utilized for improvements and for upkeep in and around the entrance way into the beach area. The area around the gazebo will be cleared, a new wooden fence is now in place and there will be new signage along the area as well as at the entrance into Walnut Beach.
- **3.** Bench Dedication Program Chairman Worroll Worroll advised the Bench Dedication Program is doing very well and continues to grow. It is also a welcome addition to the City.

VI. Old Business

1. None

VII. New Business

1. Tobacco Free Policy – Director Piscitelli – Piscitelli gave the Commissioners a brief background of the reasons for creating tobacco free zones. Piscitelli also handed the Commissioners information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and asked the Commissioners to draft a policy for tobacco free zones in Milford.

Discussion followed regarding items of description, where and how. Commissioner Rowland suggested a survey to obtain feedback from residents.

Once information has been obtain, this item will be placed on the Agenda as Old Business.

Chairman Worroll – Mentioned that the Milford Irish Festival and the Garlic Festival went very well. Worroll also mentioned that Pumpkins-On-The Pier will take place at Walnut Beach on October 4, and, Salute to Veterans on November 8 to be held at Lisman's Landing. The Connecticut Food Bank will be on hand to collect food donations. There will also be food truck vendors and a fireworks display. The Milford Elks Club is planning to accept donations in order for the plaques in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium and on the Green to be updated. Worroll also reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to adjourn at 7:55 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 **November 5, 2014** in **Conference Room "C".**

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda M. Mossorofo, Secretary