

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2008

Members Present

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

Absent

Public Works Representative

Also Present

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

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their October meeting on October 2, 2008 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 September 3, 2008.

Commissioner Fabian **made a motion** to accept the September 3, 2008 minutes as read. Seconded by Vice Chairman DiBiase and unanimously carried.

- II. **Public Statement**

NONE

After Public Statement, Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to move New Business item #1 up on the Agenda. Seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously carried.

- III. **New Business**

1. **Mark Morazes – Milford United Soccer Club** – Requested permission from the Commission for the Milford United Soccer Club to use temporary lighting at Parsons Field to extend their practice sessions. The Club would like to place one, but no more than two portable light towers at the field. The lights would be turned on at dusk and would be turned off no later than 8:30 pm Monday through Thursday (Friday rain dates) until the season ends November 16, 2008. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Rowland and Vice Chairman Fabian made and seconded a motion to approve the use of light towers, maximum of two, by Milford United Soccer at Parsons Field from September to November, Monday through Friday until 8:30 pm. This would be for the current year only and the Commission would review again next year. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. **Correspondence**

1. Director McCarthy received an email from Lisa Vaccino regarding Bodie's Place. They are meeting with vendors and things seem to be moving right along. He will keep the Commission updated.
2. Director McCarthy received an email from Brian Rowland regarding serious vandalism at I.L.L.'s Brewster Field Complex. He suggested that maybe they could get some kind of video surveillance in the area.
3. Director McCarthy reported that he received an email from Public Works regarding our portable toilet at Grove Circle. Vandals burned the unit to the ground.

- V. **Director's Report**

1. Director McCarthy reported that the Fall Adaptive Programs are underway and making progress.
2. Director McCarthy reported that the reason for the changes to the Certificate of Liability Insurance

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requirements is that the City was no longer self-insured. The Commission discussed this issue along with the wording of the City Ordinance. Chairman Worroll stated that changes need to be made to make the Park, Beach & Recreation requirements the same as the Ordinance which only requires \$300,00 not \$1,000,000. Director McCarthy will pencil in some changes and send them to the City Attorney's office so that they can proceed with making these changes.

3. Director McCarthy reported that the grant presentation from the State for "Bodie's Place" went well.

Chairman Worroll let the Vaccino's know that if there are any changes or developments with the playground, they need to let Director McCarthy know because the Commission will have to vote on them.

4. Director McCarthy attended the B.O.E. "Key Communicators" meeting, hosted by Dr. Polansky. He reported that it was very educational and went extremely well.

VI. Commissioner Reports

1. Vice Chairman Fabian reported that the first bench in the City Wide Sponsor A Bench Program was dedicated to Janice Ronkowitz on September 30, 2008 at Gulf Beach. The ceremony went very well and she wished to express her thanks to everyone involved. Chairman Fabian and Director McCarthy reported that the application is just about ready and the program should be under way very soon.
2. Chairman Worroll attended the Public Works Committee meeting. He gave them a basic description of what he thought the Commission felt was needed at the Pavilions. It sparked a lot of discussion. They are now aware of what we are looking at. After that meeting, Chairman Worroll, Bruce Kolwicz, Mayor Richetelli and Director McCarthy met to further discuss the rental fee issue. The current proposal mentioned would raise the rental fee to \$250 from \$100. This would include the rental, electricity and clean up prior to the event.

Director McCarthy requested that the Commission have a policy in place, if possible, before January 1, as this is when applicants can start applying for permits for the new calendar year.

3. Chairman Worroll reminded the Commission that this weekend would be the 1st Annual United Way Bocce Tournament at Walnut Beach.

VII. New Business

1. Director McCarthy reported that he had received a letter from the SCCC praising the cleanup of the Irish Festival. They used the area the following day and had absolutely no problems.
2. Director McCarthy informed the Commission that the garden shed at the Community Gardens had been vandalized over the weekend and a new mower and other power equipment had been stolen. Linda Ball is working with Kim Kell on the insurance claim.

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:40 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 November 5, 2008 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra L. Guglielmoni, Secretary