

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2013

Members Present

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

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison
Frank Giustino, Commissioner

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **October 2, 2013**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Chairman Worroll 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 4, 2013.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the **September 4, 2013** 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

Letter – Re: Community Garden donation to Casa Otonal, Inc. – Director Piscitelli presented a thank you letter to the Board from Casa Otonal in New Haven thanking the Milford Community Gardens for their generous donation of fresh produce.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Old Field Lane Playground – Director Piscitelli** – The playground on Old Field Lane and Wilcox has been renovated with new equipment and is now open. It is getting a lot of use and received very good feedback.
- 2. Program Updates – Director Piscitelli** – Programs are up and running and preparing to gear up for the winter programs. Basketball, gyms, swimming and pickle ball are in full swing. All require space to operate and meet a growing demand.

3. **Skate Park Update – Director Piscitelli** – Ground breaking will commence in the Spring of 2014 with a six to eight week projection for completion. They will also fine-tune the design. Construction will not interfere with the trees that have been planted and more may be needed once construction is completed.
4. **Outdoor Movie – 10/4/13 – Director Piscitelli** – On Friday, October 4, at Fowler Field and in conjunction with the Milford Prevention Council and the Milford Education Foundation, the second of the outdoor movies series will be *Barnyard*. Last month's outdoor movie was well-attended with approximately 150 attendees.
5. **Concussion Seminar – Director Piscitelli** – The Milford United Soccer Club will be sponsoring a Concussion Awareness Seminar on Thursday, October 17 at the Parsons Auditorium at 7 p.m. The presenter is Linda Fischer from the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association. This is designed to educate parents, coaches and players to recognize concussion like symptoms and a course of treatment. All are invited to attend. Seminar is free of charge and will take approximately two hours.
6. **Donations to Camp Happiness in Memory of Dominic Civitello – Director Piscitelli** – Dominic Civitello recently passed away. His son, Don, started Camp Happiness in 1976 and his father was a fixture at the camp always helping out. In view of Dominic Civitello's memory, the family has requested donations be made to Camp Happiness. Approximately \$1,000 has been donated to date. Funds will be used to offset the costs for parties and picnics for Camp Happiness children.

V. Commissioner's Report

1. **Golf Course Committee – Chairman Worroll** – Golf course is doing very well and in good shape. Two beach style, freestanding benches will be dedicated on Saturday, October 5 at 1 p.m. in memory of Josephine Joy, one of the original Golf Commissioners; and Bob Hardiman, a founding member of the Golf Commission. Golf course will remain open as long as weather permits, and golf certificates are available for upcoming holiday gifts.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee – Chairman Worroll** – The ongoing issue is the drainage in the area. Public Works is aware of this situation. This was discussed at their last meeting and they will take another look at it. The concern is either the drain or catch basin may be clogged with dirt/sand and possibly debris. They will also take a look at the construction of the drain and catch basin. Public Works will be putting in new sidewalks and new streets lights in the area..
3. **Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian** – Piscitelli was complimented by Fabian for the new brochure. Discussion followed regarding location of two benches to be installed at Gulf Beach as well as identifying potential bench locations sites elsewhere in the City due to the increased interest. Piscitelli indicated that he is in the process of contacting people who had an interest in purchasing benches in the past and is waiting to hear from them. Piscitelli also advised the bench for Marissa Barrett was installed on October 1 and will be dedicated in the future. The bench at Hillside will be installed shortly and the family is requesting a private dedication.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

- 1. Sandy Ground Playground Project** – Director Piscitelli presented a map/drawing of the area located at the Academy for the site where the Sandy Ground Playground is best suited. Discussion followed regarding site, size, materials to be used as well as the installation process. The New Jersey Fire Department will provide scaled site plans as well as construction drawings. Piscitelli was not aware of which child and theme the playground will be dedicated at this time. Commissioners asked to be notified when construction starts.

Vice Chairman Ann Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the drawings as representation of where and what type of playground will be going into the area.

Chairman Rowland seconds **Motion**.

No discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

- 2. Milford Trees, Inc.** – Proposal to plant at Seabreeze Avenue Playground – Brian Mancini, Chairman of the Milford Tree Commission, advised they received a grant from United Illuminating to plant trees. The Tree Commission is looking to plant trees at parks and have determined to plant several at the Seabreeze Avenue Playground to provide shade. He presented a plan depicting the locations where the trees would be planted. Discussion followed regarding East Shore Middle School as they use the playground area for their PE classes.

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the plan for planting trees at the playground at the Seabreeze Avenue pending Call Before You Dig and East Shore Middle School's need for that area right now.

Vice Chairman Ann Fabian seconds **Motion**.

No discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Worroll – Mentioned upon coming events in Milford. On October 12, there will be Pumpkins on the Pier at Walnut Beach for sale. October 3, Director Piscitelli will be participating in “Kookin’ for Kids” as one of the chiefs. This benefit is to support the Good Shepherd Daycare and East Shore Child Development Centers and will take place at the Elks Club. The Irish Festival went very well with many in attendance. The Commissioners extended congratulations to Julie Nash who was appointed as the new Director of Economic & Community Development. Ms. Nash resigned her position as Commissioner, Park, Beach & Recreation in view of her new appointment and will be missed..

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Commissioner Rowland seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **November 6, 2013** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary