

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2012

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Frank Giustino, Commissioner
Julie Nash, Commissioner

Absent

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

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **October 3, 2012**, 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 5, 2012.

Chairman Rowland made a **Motion** to accept the September 5, 2012 minutes as read. Commissioner Julie Nash seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

None.

III. Correspondence

None.

IV. Director's Report

1. **On-Line Registration System** – Director Paul Piscitelli – The new on-line registration system is being received very well. To date there are 537 new accounts set up. The Finance Department continues to work on accepting credit card payments which should be accomplished in the next few months.
2. **Skate Park – RFP** – Director Piscitelli – Request for proposal has been sent out and is due back on October 11, 2012. Piscitelli advised that seven well-known design firms nationwide are interested. The plan, once the RFPs are in, is to have a public viewing of designs, and then come up with one design plan to be re-submitted for RFP proposal and to break ground in the spring and be ready to go by summer of next year.
3. **City Facilities Physical Address Project** – **Director Paul Piscitelli** – Physical addresses have been given to City facilities on North Street and will continue to work on assigning physical addresses to other areas in the near future.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll advised this is going very well, rounds are higher this year and will be looking to purchase two more electric golf carts.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll advised that the first dune crossing is in. The steps have been removed and a slight ramp has been installed making it easy for people with special needs, wheel chairs, strollers and carts to access the sand from the parking lot. Cigarette butt holders have also been installed in front of the dune. In addition, an extension of the Walnut Beach grant money has been granted until 2013. This will help do more to enhance the area and the entrance into Walnut Beach by Tudor Road. Milford Tree Commissioner, Kate Orecchio, commented putting more trees in the this area
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Fabian advised that September 30, 2012 was the four year start of the bench dedication program. The first bench was dedicated to Janice Ronkowitz. There was a ceremony of about 50 people who attended the re-dedication and memorialize her. The second bench at Walnut Beach for Harriet Racz will be installed when everyone will be able to attend the ceremony. Director Piscitelli mentioned this is about one-month away. He discussed the slat replacement program which will allow keeping the existing benches on the Green and at other locations. This is in keeping with the characteristics of Milford. Piscitelli is working with M. E. O'Brien on this project and the plan is to obtain a sample slat replacement and a plaque for a total cost to the City of \$600. These will be plastic slats, redwood in color. Chairman Worroll feels this is positive and the purchase price is reasonable.

VI. Old Business

1. **Junior Major League temporary fence proposal for Bernard /Francis Field.** Chairman Worroll updated the committee on last month's discussion on the fencing as to whether or not this is a capital improvement. He advised that Director Piscitelli received a letter from City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem, indicating this would fall under capital improvement and as a result would have to go through the chain of Boards. Chairman Worroll requests a **Motion** be made to refer the proposal for the Junior Major League to install a fence at the Bernard/Francis Field to go before the appropriate City Boards for Statue 8-24 approval.

Chairman Rowland makes the **Motion** as stated by Chairman Worroll. **Motion** is seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian.

Discussion. Commission Rowland indicated that this **Motion** was previously approved with the condition that the City Attorney was to determine if it should go before other Boards. Chairman Worroll indicted that this formalizes the **Motion** since the City Attorney gave his ruling on the matter. Chairman Fabian wants the **Motion** to reflect "temporary" fence.

Motion unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

1. **Bench Request – Subway Development Team** – Director Piscitelli distributes packet and advised the Board that employees at Subway would like a bench to be dedicated in memory of Fred DeLuca's mother. They would like this installed at the Duck Pond and it was explained to them that we do not have a style of bench in place to put it at the Duck Pond and we don't want to put a beach style bench in this area. The Subway Development Team also talked about a tree and they were referred to the Milford Tree Commission. The Milford Tree Commission came up with dedicating a tree, a Southern Magnolia, which was previously approved as a City wide arboretum planting at Jefferson Park. Subway has been in contact with Kate Orecchio from the Milford Tree Commission regarding this and it was determined that they would also like to put the bench at this location as well. Director Piscitelli, working with DuMor, found a bench very similar to the benches on the Green. He discussed what DuMor could do regarding this style including the price. Subway is anxious and excited to do this and has already sent a check. However, there is a price difference for this bench. Piscitelli advised there are two questions to consider: 1) is this a suitable location for the bench to be installed, and, 2) would the type of bench showing be acceptable. Discussion followed regarding the design and cost going forward. Kate Orecchio discussed the tree and the plaque and will assist in the cost.

Vice Chairman makes a **Motion** for a bench to be placed in Jefferson Park with the Magnolia tree from the people at Subway in the same location as discussed with Director Piscitelli shown on the map. Chairman Worroll seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. **Dog Park/Community Proposal for Edgemont Park** – Chairman Worroll refers to the packet presented by Director Piscitelli and announces that State Representative Kim Rose and Assistant City Planner, Emmeline Harrigan are present on behalf of this Item. Director Piscitelli reviews the map and discusses the history of the area to the Commissioners. He advises this is an under utilized area and that the Plan of Conservation and Development is looking for an area to put in community gardens and a dog park and this is one of the place selected because of the topography. He was also contacted by State Representative Kim Rose regarding utilizing the area as a dog park. Harrigan, discussed the outreach in the community and it was determined that much needed community gardens and a dog park were some of the issues raised by the community and that this area is a best fit for both the dog park and community gardens. Harrigan indicates this area is in a flood plain and is an inland/wetland issue which a community garden would work well here. In addition, she also indicated there is grant money available for restoration and building. State Representative Kim Rose is looking at this as a partnership with the State, City and the neighbors. She further advised the Commissioners that this would be an opportunity for the community to come together and enhance this underdeveloped property. There are grant monies available through the State and additional monies can be raised through fundraisers. Kate Orecchio discussed the trees that will be available for the area as well. Discussion followed including raising money through the State and with grants.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to accept the concept.

Discussion: Commissioner Nash asks if there have been any other areas similar to these types of wetland that have been restored in Milford and used as a tenant. Harrigan advised that there has

been wetland restoration projects at Eisenhower Park and she would have to check with the Inland/Wetland Officer for more specific examples.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to approve this concept providing information is communicated to Director Piscitelli, and before the next phase commences, the Committee is to come before the Board before any ground breaking takes place. Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**. No further discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

Director Piscitelli addressed the Board that the Milford Tree Commission would like to discuss a tree planting project at Beardsley Playground located at Hill and Golden Hill Streets.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to add this Item to New Business. Chairman Fabian seconds **Motion**. No discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. **Beardsley Park Tree Project** – Milford Tree Commissioner, Kate Orecchio, presented the Commissioners a rendering of the trees to be planted around Beardsley Park along with an arbor and how they will be positioned. She also discussed a variety of trees that will come from the nursery and some that will be donated.

Commissioner Fabian makes a **Motion** based on the plan Orecchio presented, in green, for the new trees and the beech tree garden arbor to be installed by the Milford Tree Commission. Commissioner Rowland seconds **Motion**.

Discussion. Chairman Worroll asks Orecchio when this project will conclude. Orecchio advised they plan to work this weekend, depending on the weather. It will be done on the upcoming weekend.

Motion unanimously carried.

Orecchio briefly mentioned a future tree project for Fowler Field that she will be bringing before the Board.

Director Piscitelli advised the Commissioners that the tree in front of the old Taylor Library has been awarded the Connecticut Urban Forest Council Award for Planting of the Year. Piscitelli and Mayor Blake will be accepting the award on behalf of the City.

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Commissioner Kerri 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 7, 2012** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary