Park, Beach and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting October 7, 2009

Members Present

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

Absent Public Works Representative

Also Present

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

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission had their October meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. <u>Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting</u> of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on September 2, 2009.

Commissioners' Fabian and DiBiase made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting with the exception that the meeting was held in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Statement

<u>Joe Woyciesjes, Woodruff Road</u> - Submitted the proposal to the Commission for the 50' project to be done by Eisenhower Friends and N.E.M.B.A. Discussion followed.

Commissioners' Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to approve the 50' project plan as submitted.

III. Correspondence

- 1. Director McCarthy received an email from Mike Cummings, Board of Education asking if the Recreation Department could help out on the approximately 9-scheduled early dismissal days. Unfortunately, we are short of staff and facilities to accommodate the approximately 5,200 children.
- 2. Director McCarthy received a telephone call from Gillian Mongirdas regarding a new and more innovative Dog Park/Dog Run. He invited her to put together a proposal and come to a meeting and present her ideas to the Commission.
- 3. Director McCarthy presented a Thank You card from Denise Morris Curt sent to the Recreation Department and the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission.

IV. <u>Director's Report</u>

1. The Foran High School Pool is once again up and running. They are having some problems with leakage but we have been able to start our Learn to Swim program.

2. The Recreation Supervisors are busy getting the adult and children's Basketball League team registrations, practice gyms and background checks taken care of.

Chairman Worroll inquired as to how the background check program was going.

Director McCarthy said it was going very well.

Vice Chairman Fabian thanked the Recreation Department for the Adult Volleyball program. She believes it is going very well.

V. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Chairman Worroll shared a Thank You card from the White family with the Commissioners.
- 2. Chairman Worroll gave the Commissioners a brief update on the Walnut Beach Development Committee meeting he attended. He will keep the Commission updated.
- 3. The golf course has put out a bid to re-do the sand traps.
- 4. Chairman Worroll stated he felt that all of the events at Gulf Beach this summer were very well attended. He was very pleased by this and hopes next summer goes just as well.

Director McCarthy reported that the Servants of Christ motorcycle club donated the proceeds from their 50/50 raffle to Camp Happiness and that this was greatly appreciated.

VI. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

- 1. Director McCarthy stated that the McCann's are circulating a petition in the hopes of getting what they want in the pool lease negotiations. As far as he knows, an agreement has not been met.
- 2. Director McCarthy updated the Commission on the status of the Bench Dedication program.

VI. <u>New Business</u>

<u>Milford Trees Inc. / Milford Tree Commission</u> – Mary Ludwig and other members updated the Commission on plantings that have been done and future plans for tree plantings. An update was given on the Arboretum plan.

Commissioner Fabian questioned plantings on the Green and past rulings from the Commission.

Kate Orecchio made a request to put up two signs on the Green and two signs on the upper and lower North Street Greens. The Commission felt they needed more time to review the request and the City Ordinances. Chairman Worroll tabled this item until the November meeting.

After much discussion and review, it was decided that Milford Trees Inc./Milford Tree Commission would give the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission quarterly reports on their tree plantings.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for the update. It went very well.

Ray Macaluso, 14 Sandpiper Crescent – Milford Columbus Committee – Submitted proposal requesting permission to construct two Bocce Courts at Milford Academy per the Bocce Federation standards. The Italian American Club will maintain the courts once the project is completed. Mayor Richetelli and Public Works have given the project their approvals. The next step will be Board of Alderman approval. Chairman Worroll asked if the Recreation Department would be allowed to use these courts. Mr. Macaluso stated they would.

Commissioners' Fabian and Rowland made and seconded a motion to approve the proposal to install two bocce courts at the Academy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Brian Reeves, Fast Signs Inc.</u> – Gave a presentation to the Commission on some sandwich board replacement ideas.

<u>Linda McIntyre, President DMBA</u> – Director McCarthy informed the Commissioners that Linda could not attend tonight's meeting regarding low-key concerts on the Green.

VIII. Adjourn

Being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Fabian and Rowland made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their net regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Recording Secretary

(Note: Minutes are in draft form until approved by the Commission)