

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2015

Members Present

Dan Worroll, Jr. – Chairman
Ann Fabian – Vice Chairman
Felicia Shashinka – Commissioner
Frank Giustino – Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Dan German, Aldermanic Liaison
Kerri Rowland – Commissioner - Excused

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli - Recreation

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **October 7, 2015**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ansantawae Room. Chairman Worroll, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. (a) Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on August 5, 2015.

Chairman Worroll asks for a **Motion** to accept the **August 5, 2015** meeting minutes as read.

Vice Chairman Fabian makes a **Motion** to accept the **August 5, 2015** meeting minutes.

Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

(b) Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on September 10, 2015

Chairman Worroll asks for a **Motion** to accept the meeting minutes for the **Special Meeting** held on **September 10, 2015** as read.

Commissioner Shashina makes a **Motion** to accept the meeting minutes for the **Special Meeting** held on **September 10, 2015**.

Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. None.

III. Correspondence – Piscitelli – Director Piscitelli acknowledged the following organizations:

1. Wally Byam Caravan Club (Airstream Owners) re: Thank you. Had a successful event and would like to return next year.
2. Beth-El Center re: Community Gardens Food Donation
3. Milford Senior Center re: Community Gardens Donation to Milford Food Bank
4. Homes for the Brave re: Community Gardens Food Donation

IV. Director's Report – Piscitelli

1. **Turf Fields Project – Piscitelli** – Director Piscitelli advised that the project went out for bid on Friday, September 25 with a return date of October 15. There is a great deal of interest with 32 general contractors from Connecticut and Massachusetts which will make a competitive bidding process. The bid award will be on or about November 1. Ground breaking will be determined at a later date pending the final stages for the land swap with the YMCA. Tentative completion is scheduled for May 27, 2016 depending on the weather and the complicity of land swap.
2. **Fall Program Report – Piscitelli** – Director Piscitelli presented the Commissioners with the new look in the fall program brochure. This was very well received and Piscitelli advised that the schools are attempting to get away from paper and with the new colorful brochure it is hoped that parents will be directed to the website to view programs, program descriptions and the easy registration process.

V. Commissioner's Report – Chairman Worroll

1. **Golf Course** – The golf season has gone well and the new building is occupied and in full use. Currently looking into purchasing two new golf carts for the 2016 season to be housed in the new building.
2. **Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian** – The Michael Compare bench was installed on September 25 at Walnut Beach. The Lewis and Macura benches are expected to be installed this week also at Walnut Beach. The Casey bench is due to be installed at the City Hall Island in the near future. There is a new request from the Dr. Anthony Russo family and Milford Kiwanis for a Victorian style bench to be installed at the base of the Gulf Beach Fishing Pier. In addition, a request by the friends of Marguerite Tondora for a slat replacement bench on Trumbull Avenue is in process.

Vice Chairman Fabian reminded the Commissioners that the first bench was installed seven years ago this week and the bench program has since grown into a successful program.

VI. Old Business

1. Discussion of Beach Parking Fees – Chairman Worroll -

Chairman Worroll indicated that there have been several meetings with the State discussing the environmental impact on what they are proposing at Silver Sands Beach as well as the parking situation. Regarding the impact at Walnut Beach, discussion involved several possibilities included installing parking meters on East Broadway and/or kiosks meters in the lots as well as how much a rate increase should be. Worroll also mentioned the impact on the local residents and how the parking will affect them. There is no charge for parking at City beaches for residents with a sticker. Discussion ensued regarding the disparity of the current parking fees the City currently charges and the rates the State will be charging. The Commissioners determined that more information needs to be forthcoming from the State as to what their position will be in order for the City to put in a parking plan which should be equal to the State.

Chairman Worroll asked for a **Motion** to continue **Discussion of Beach Parking Fees**.

Vice Chairman Fabian makes a **Motion** to continue **Discussion of the Beach Parking Fees**.

Commission Giustino seconds **Motion**

Discussion – None

Motion unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

- 1. Eagle Scout Project** – Kyle Krois, 1091 West River Street, Milford, CT – Kyle Krois presented the Commissioners with information for his Eagle Scout Project to build bat boxes near and inside of Eisenhower Park, and looking at three locations near Foote Field and Red Bush Field. Krois further stated that although bat boxes have already been erected in various areas in Milford, more are needed to provide homes to the bat population and in turn will keep the insect population in control. Questions included a description and mounting of the bat boxes, materials and cost involved. Krois indicated an estimated cost of \$950 and will buying materials from Lowe's; and, he will be using some of his own money and do some fundraising. Commissioners suggested that Public Works be included for any assistance they be able to offer.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the Eagle Scout Project by Kyle Krois to build bat boxes as presented with the sign off of Director Piscitelli.

Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried.

VIII. Upcoming Events:

- 1. Nate The Great 5K – Fowler Field on Saturday, 10/10**
- 2. Pumpkins on The Pier – Walnut Beach on Saturday, 10/17**

Chairman Worroll complimented on how well the Garlic Festival was as well as it being well-attended.

IX. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:10 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 4, 2015**, in the **Ansantawae Room**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo

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