

**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 in Conference Room C (Ansantawae Room). Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

D. Worroll, Chairman
A. Fabian, Vice Chairman
F. Shashinka

Also Present

P. Piscitelli, Director
Ald. B. Bevan

Excused: Commissioner K. Rowland, Commissioner F. Giustino

Absent: Ald. N. Veccharelli, Public Works Representative

I. Consideration of Minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting.

Commissioners' Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

Ted Worroll - 452 Swanson Crescent – stated he was here tonight regarding the Community Gardens item listed under Old Business. He referred to plot #16 which he stated is in complete disarray. He spoke of the disrepair, general sloppiness, etc. He stated there should be zero tolerance and people who have plots in the gardens should abide by the rules and those rules should be enforced.

III. Correspondence

Director Piscitelli stated he received a letter from the United Way requesting to put up their "Goal Thermometer" (4' x 8') for their annual campaign drive.

Commissioners Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to grant the request of the United Way to erect a 4' x 8' sign for their annual campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Director's Report

Director Piscitelli reported Linda Mossorofo, Administrative Assistant for the Recreation Department retired at the end of September. He also reported that Mr. Austin is out of work due to shoulder surgery and Commissioner Giustino would not be available for

meetings for the next few months due to a serious accident. Director Piscitelli also reported Commissioner Rowland was excused due to the election work.

a) Turf Fields Project - Director Piscitelli reported progress continues with the turf fields' project. He reported the installation of the turf, rubber, etc was completed and that fill and lines should be completed within the week. He also reported the scoreboards had been installed. Director Piscitelli reported the building which will house the bathroom facilities as well as concessions is scheduled to arrive around Thanksgiving and that the project should wrap up by the end of the year, however it is not likely there would be any play on the fields until the spring. A brief discussion ensued.

b) Budget preparations – FY 17-18 – Director Piscitelli stated he is in the process of putting together the budget for the Recreation Department and Park, Beach and Recreation. He reported he did not feel there would be any significant increases or decreases to the budgets.

Chairman Worroll asked about parking at the beaches.

Director Piscitelli stated he did not have the final number as to dollars, however, volume remained the same.

Commissioner Shashinka asked about enforcement at the beaches.

Director Piscitelli stated he did not have the figures from the police department.

Vice Chairwoman Fabian asked if there was any increase at Gulf Beach this past year and also about violators.

Director Piscitelli stated he would provide the Commission with the figures at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Shashinka asked about bringing in the building in and if the trucks would compromise the fields in any way.

Director Piscitelli replied no.

V. Commissioner Reports

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the course is still open. He also reported the commissioners had extended the contract of Turf Management. Chairman Worroll also reported rounds are down overall; however it is a common trend this year throughout the industry. On a positive noted, he pointed out cart use is up significantly.

b) Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian reporting they were waiting for benches for the Shimchick and Guistino families. She stated she also had an application for a bench in Morningside. She stated a bench is on order for Walnut Beach and that the numbers are growing for replacement of the slots on the benches. A brief discussion ensued regarding the program.

Vice Chairwoman Fabian also reported the application for a bench is now on-line.

Director Piscitelli commented about the article that appeared in the Milford Living Magazine regarding the bench dedication program which he stated had generated a flurry of activity.

VI. Old Business:

a) Community Gardens follow-up RE: Alexandra Sestokaite's letter.

Director Piscitelli reported he received a letter from Ms. Sestokaite. He stated his original charge to this Commission was to look into the complaint. He suggested the Commission allow Linda Ball come before the Commission next month for input. A brief discussion ensued.

VII. New Business

None.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners' Fabian and Shashinka moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary