

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2011

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Sharon Fowler, Commissioner
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli Jr., Alderman

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Rec. Director
Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their November meeting on November 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room B of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

- I. **Consideration of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on October 5, 2011.

Commissioner Fabian **made a motion** to accept the October 5, 2011 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

II. **Public Statement**

Kate Orecchio, 161 Broad Street – Asked why the lights are on evenings at basketball courts and tennis courts behind the library. Chairman Worroll noted that the lights are on timers and handled by the Public Works Department.

Director Piscitelli thanked outgoing Mayor Richetelli for his years of service to the residents of Milford and also for his ardent support of all the Recreation Department activities we have in the City. He also congratulated and welcomed Mayor Blake and thanked Alderman Bill Bevan for his services as Aldermanic Liaison to the Commission.

III. **Correspondence**

1. Director Piscitelli shared Thank You letter from the Boy Scouts Camporee.
2. Director Piscitelli shared Thank You letter from Pumpkins on the Pier.

IV. **Director's Report**

1. Winter Programs are on track; Basketball League starting after Thanksgiving; working on recruiting a few more instructors to expand our Adaptive Recreation Program (bowling, indoor tennis, social skills).
2. Budget process began a few weeks ago and is due at Noon on November 10, 2011 to Finance. Recreation Department will not be seeking any increase.
3. Director Piscitelli just returned from the National Parks & Recreation Congress in Atlanta. Updated Commissioners on his trip.

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V. **Commissioner Reports**

1. Golf Course Committee update – Chairman Worroll.
2. Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee - Chairman Worroll informed the Commissioners that curbing is in, sidewalk is in, new welcome booth is up and the project is moving along.
3. Vice Chairman Fabian gave a Bench Dedication program update. She inquired as to whether the first bench could be installed at Walnut Beach. Director Piscitelli suggested she contact Steve Wing for this information.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

1. None

VII. **New Business**

1. Brian Mancini Chairman of Milford Trees Commission - Just received a grant for the City's nursery and have an abundance of mature trees that they need to get out of there. One idea that came up was to plant trees around the West Shore field. Plan was handed out to Commissioners. Discussion followed. Chairman Worroll stated that Walnut Beach would also be in need of trees if they have enough extra at the nursery.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to accept the plan submitted with the exception of the tree in the corner; that tree space is to be researched and planted at a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

2. Linda Ball spoke regarding dumping issues/vandalism/stealing at the Community Gardens and the need for a new gate. She stated that the temporary gate that is there now has pretty much stopped the dumping. Linda stated that the gardeners, along with Brian and Milford Trees Inc. would work together to remove diseased trees, damaged trees, and invasive species along the entranceway for the gate.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to allow the Community Gardeners and Milford Trees to clean up the entranceway. Seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously carried.

3. Director Piscitelli stated that the sheds at the Gardens are outdated. Linda Ball has received an offer from Beard Sand and Gravel to donate crushed stone and the Recreation Department is purchasing a replacement shed for the Gardens.

Commissioner Fabian **made a motion** to accept the crushed stone donation from Beard Sand and Gravel. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

4. Director Piscitelli received a request from Kimberly Kulesh from the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to hang purple ribbons around Milford to create awareness about pancreatic cancer. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to approve the installation of Purple Ribbons to promote "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month". The Director of Recreation must first approve the locations and no ribbons are to be nailed or stapled to any tree. Seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously approved.

5. Director Piscitelli reported that the Milford Recreation Department has partnered with the Milford

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Ice Pavilion for the "Skate Away Hunger Campaign", November 19 and 20. All food donations will go to the Milford Food Bank.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on December 7, 2011 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Recording Secretary