Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting December 3, 2008

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman Kerri Rowland, Commissioner Suzanne DiBiase, Commissioner Patrick Dooling, Commissioner <u>Absent</u>

Public Works Representative

Also Present

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

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their December meeting on December 3, 2008 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

I. <u>Consideration of Minutes</u> of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on November 5, 2008.

Vice Chairman Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to accept the November 5, 2008 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner DiBiase and unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

Joe, 262 Woodruff Road, Milford – Avid Mountain biker trying to find out if there is a plan for the trails at Eisenhower Park and what he can do to help with clearing and up keeping these trails. Director McCarthy said he believes there is a plan to get the existing trails fixed. He suggested that Joe check with Vin Piselli for more information. Chairman Worroll inquired as to how much work needs to be done to existing trails to make them useable again. Chairman Worroll suggested that Joe bring the Commission some kind of plan as to what exactly he would like to see done and where so that the Commission could check with Public Works and get things rolling.

III. Correspondence

- Director McCarthy reported that he received two requests to install plaques on existing benches at Milford Academy. He wanted to consult with the Commission before informing the requestors that per the Bench Dedication Program, they must pay for the cost of a bench and plaque, not the plaque only. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired as to weather a formal application has been finished to be handed out to the public. Director McCarthy reported that he is still working on it.
- 2. Director McCarthy emailed the Police Department regarding our after hours permit revocation policy.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Director McCarthy updated the Commission on information he recently acquired regarding some proposed changes to the Certificate of Liability requirements.
- 2. Director McCarthy and Chairman Worroll updated the Commission on the Boys & Girls Club rental lease being approved and now being able to accept \$1,000,000 for the addition to the building

V. <u>Commissioner Reports</u>

1. Chairman Worroll attended Board of Alderman meeting on November 6, 2008. The HUD money for Eisenhower Park was accepted in the amount of \$341,000. All final designs will have to come before the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission for approval.

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- Chairman Worroll reported that the City received funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 through the Community Development department. Half would be going to the Stowe Farm Property area and the rest would be for Walnut Beach improvements. The Commission will look at projects to improve the area, both short term and long term.
- 3. Chairman Worroll reported that the Golf contract (3 years) was approved Monday night. There will be two golf carts at the course now.
- 4. Chairman Worroll reported that the Caswell Cove Ordinance that came before this Commission would be on the Board of Alderman agenda next month.

VI. Old Business

- 1. Director McCarthy reported that Regina Cahill recommended that we wait on this project until a final decision is made on what is being done with the Down's House. Director McCarthy suggested she look into other areas in Milford, such as the stone in front of Parsons Complex.
- 2. Bodies Place Discussion John Vaccino gave the Commission a quick recap of their plan for the playground including the layout map that the Commission had requested. Director McCarthy and Chairman Worroll expressed their support of the plan.

Commissioner Rowland suggested that since the Milford Jaycees made a donation to pay for half of the equipment that is being relocated from Eisenhower Park, we ask for their input in this matter. She also stated that she would like the handball court replaced. Also, Commissioner Rowland asked if they plan on removing any of the existing trees? The Vaccino's stated that they are not planning on removing trees.

Commissioner Dooling inquired as to weather the bathroom building is handicap accessible? Commissioner Rowland questioned when they would be open? Is this a Public Works responsibility? Discussion followed. These items will have to be addressed further in the future.

Vice Chairman Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to accept the plan as presented by Director McCarthy and Mr. & Mrs. Vaccino, from the email received, the attached pdf's and tonight's discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

3. Facility Rental Agreement update discussion. Director McCarthy will be meeting with Director Kolwicz to go over issues and concerns discussed. He will update the Commission through email.

VII. New Business

NONE

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to adjourn at 8:40 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 January 7, 2008 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary

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