

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2014

Members Present

Daniel 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
Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

Also Present

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **December 3, 2014**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Chairman Daniel Worroll, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on October 1, 2014.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the October 1, 2014 minutes as read.
Commissioner Shashinka 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

Chairman Worroll – presented copies of emails from Joe Bereski and Dr. Constance Young supporting the Smoke & Tobacco Free Policy. Worroll also presented an email from Tina Pritchard, owner of Scoot & Paddle, indicating an interest to renew her application to be Walnut Beach next season. Worroll advised Director Piscitelli will review the policy and financial arrangements for City property use and report back to the Board before her application can be approved.

IV. Director's Report

None.

V. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – The new maintenance building is being built and will house maintenance equipment and golf carts. The current building will be turned into a meeting room for after golf events.
- 2. Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll – The improvements are basically completed with the exception of signage. Worroll presented before and after photos of the project with a brief description of each phase. He advised that Director Piscitelli will be looking at the parking issues at Walnut Beach in light of Silver Sands becoming a full service State Park in the near future.
- 3. Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Fabian – Fabian advised currently working on the bench replacement slat program with Piscitelli. The bench in Memory of Jean Browning and Joan Zeek has been received and assembled. Bench will be installed after Public Works installs the concrete pad. The Mike and Toby Zabinski bench has been shipped and will be installed at Walnut Beach; and, two benches in Memory of Linda Stock are in production and should be shipped by year end. A new bench order was just received in Memory of Jeffrey P. Young and will also to be installed at Walnut Beach.

VI. Old Business

- 1. Smoke & Tobacco Free Policy** – Chairman Worroll distributed the results of the online survey to the Board. He advised Director Piscitelli will draft a policy based on the survey for the Board to review. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired if it possible to make this matter a City Ordinance and Chairman Worroll advised this will be looked into.

VII. New Business

- 1. Discussion of Women's Softball League – Chairman Worroll** – Worroll opened the discussion to Betsy Boerner, 32 Harkness Drive, Milford. Also in attendance who spoke were: Lou LaVecchia, 329 Wolf Harbor Road, Milford; Dawn Fanara, 291 Fresh Meadow Lane, Milford; Melissa Magdon, 53 Green Meadow Lane, Milford; Melvin Montague, 200 Farren Avenue, New Haven; Katie Darrogh, 6 Country Place, Shelton; Suzanne Shannon, 298 Meadows End, Milford; Beth Griswold, 19 Farley Road, Milford; Marcy Gonski, 104 Entrance Road, Milford; Mary Ellen Luth, 22 Midwood Road, Milford.

Discussion ensued with the attendees apprising the Board with their concerns of the Rec Women's Softball League. Their many concerns are highlighted as follows: re-establishing tournament teams, differences between good teams and not so good teams, reconsider the residency rule, establishing a leniency clause, safety issues, conflicts in scheduling; shortage and condition of fields and lighting and money that was appropriated years ago for the improvement of fields and lighting; more visibility through Recreation Department's social media venue; and, conflict resolution with a Recreation Department staffer. Chairman Worroll apprised the attendees that many of their concerns can be resolved and he will communicate their concerns to the Recreation Director; and also suggested they pursue their grievances through elected officials.

2. **2015 – Meeting Dates – Chairman Worroll** – presented the 2015 Park, Beach & Recreation Commission Meeting Dates.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the 2015 Park, Beach & Recreation Commission Meeting Dates as presented.

Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:20p.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 **January 7, 2015** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo

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