

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2012

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Frank Giustino, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Julie Nash, Commissioner

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **December 5, 2012**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on October 3, 2012.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the October 3, 2012 minutes as read. Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

None.

III. Correspondence

Director Piscitelli – Presented a note of appreciation from the Karzoun Family for the utilization of the pavilion at Walnut Beach for the bench dedication and ceremony for their son, Jafar.

Chairman Worroll – Received a letter from Goodies requesting renewal to operate the concession stand at Gulf Beach for the 2013 summer season. Director Piscitelli advised that Goodies renewal has to request an agreement each December. The letter suffices as their request.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Skate Park – RFP Update** – Director Paul Piscitelli – Goal is to take the eight or nine responses and to look at three or four of the best proposals and have those companies present in a public forum setting, and then allow the kids to see what they like and don't like and make a decision from there. Looking to break ground next spring.
- 2. Edgemont Park – Dog Park/Committee Garden Update** – Director Piscitelli – Conversation with Kim Rose regarding the Dog Park/Committee Garden idea, she is going to proceed as directed by the Board to return with a more concrete plan for what they would like to see in the setting, the amenities and costs. This may take a month or two. She is looking to form a 'Friends of the Skate Park' type group.

3. **“Sandy” Damage Report** – Director Paul Piscitelli – Advised City facilities fared well. Mulch was washed away from Hillside Avenue, Underhill and Andrews Playgrounds, as well as beach front. Eisenhower Park, the Green, the Duck Pond and many other areas had tree damage. Conversation with the State and the Mayor regarding the damage to the boardwalk repairs will be made once funds are in place. The goal is to have it up and running by the spring.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Advised the golf course is still open still going strong. Ahead of last year and looking at some very good numbers this year.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll - Advised there was damage to the crossovers that were being installed. Whatever damage there is will be repaired and the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee will pay for repairs out of their funds.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Fabian advised no report at this time. Director Piscitelli advised the Harriet Racz bench is in and may be going in sometime in January which is the anniversary of her passing. Bob Gregory will work with Joe Baldwin to come up with a date and will coordinate with Public Works to place the bench. The Coughlin Family bench is in production and that will be delivered shortly. Verbiage for the new Victorian style bench for the park has been approved for the Deluca bench and the plaque is in production. Discussed the planting of the tree and the bench installation with the Milford Tree Commission and it is anticipated this will be coordinated in the spring.

Discussion. Vice Chariman Fabian inquired of Piscitelli if there is any information on the bench replacement slats. Piscitelli advised benches vary in size and the number of slats which makes general repairs difficult. An inventory will be made of the different benches and one will be used as a sample repair, and then a determination will be made on how we promote this will be made.

VI. Old Business

Director Piscitelli – The Milford Tree Commission asked Director Piscitelli to advise the Board that due to the storm, all plantings, including Beardsley Playground, will be put off until the spring.

VII. New Business

1. **PBR Commission Meeting Dates for 2013** – Director Piscitelli distributed the scheduled dates for the 2013 Park Beach & Recreation Commission meetings.
2. **Walnut Beach Carousel Proposal** – Susan Patrick, 660 Gulf Street, Milford, Walnut Beach Business Owners, reviewed the first proposal that was presented for a carousel at Walnut Beach, and the Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee’s idea that George Marena sell his carousel to the City. There had been discussion of his leasing the land by the Walnut Beach pavilion where the old carousel was historically located. It required funding and became complicated. Patrick

asked Marena if he would do a trial run of one summer with his smaller carousel, and be responsible for all insurance and maintenance cost; pay a fee to use land and tie into City electricity. This would be a temporary addition to the City for one year for the small carousel and the City would determine the hours. Patrick believes Marena was going to erect a fence unless the City wants to erect its own fence and then on Labor Day Marena would take the carousel away. This will determine if the area responds to this idea positively. Marena would keep the proceeds to operate the carousel. Patrick is looking for a temporary one summer lease to see how receptive this idea is to the area. Piscitelli pointed out the location of the carousel on the map. He also advised that in his conversations with the City Attorney's office the agreement would include all the variables that would protect both the City and the operator of the carousel. He also feels that the carousel would benefit the area and a one year agreement with tight parameters around it would satisfy the pros and cons of everyone. In addition, the agreement would have an escape clause if expectations weren't met within a specified period of time. Discussion followed.

Vice Chairman Fabian makes a **Motion** to accept this one year trial proposal based on other City Department approvals knowing that the Director is working with you [Patrick and the vendor himself] with the City Attorney and other pertinent City personnel to make this happen.

Discussion. None.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. **Chairman Worroll** – Wished everyone a very Happy Holiday, and on a personal note, advised everyone that he retired from Fire Department after 35 years. He thanked everyone and wished everyone well.

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.
Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **January 2, 2013** in **Conference Room "C"**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary