

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2006

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Jacqueline Munk, Commissioner
James Belluscio, Commissioner

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Kerri Rowland, Alderman
Joseph Garbus, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their December meeting on December 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll 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 November 1, 2006.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to accept the November 1, 2006 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

- II. **Public Statement**

None

- III. **New Business**

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to re-order the agenda and bring forward Items 1 and 2. Seconded by Chairman Worroll and unanimously carried.

1. **Bill Helene, 14 Ranch Road, Milford** - Bill Helene is the Regional Director of "Skaters For Public Skate Parks". Mr. Helene was requesting that the Commission look into the possibility of running the skate park under the City of Milford. He gave a very informative presentation on Skate Parks. A discussion was held and Director McCarthy informed Chairman Worroll that he would look into the contract with the YMCA and the insurance policy the City of Milford holds regarding recreational areas.
2. **Michael P. Casey, Pond Street, Milford** - Michael gave a presentation proposing installing a 10' x 16' bocce court and a bench at Walnut Beach for his Eagle Scout project. Commissioner Worroll asked Director McCarthy if the area Michael is planning to use would interfere with any future plans for development in the area. Director McCarthy stated that he did not think it would, but he would be meeting with Michael after the New Year to make sure that the site was appropriate. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired as to whether you could use the bocce court if you did not have a permit for the pavilion? A brief discussion followed regarding different ideas for handling this situation. Director McCarthy asked when he would be starting his project. Michael stated that he needs the approval from the Scout Board before he can start, and then it will be weather permitting. Chairman Worroll stated that Michael should meet with Bill McCarthy to firm up the details for the project.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to approve the proposal with the condition that Director McCarthy approves the site prior to any construction beginning. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

- IV. **Correspondence**

1. Dave Falloni sent e-mail to Director McCarthy regarding the enhancement of the Andrews Avenue Playground. Director McCarthy responded that he has budgeted \$17,000 in the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget for the purchase of necessary equipment, supplies and installation of equipment at the playground.

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Mr. Falloni was very happy with this information and offered his help if needed. He also offered a fund raiser if necessary.

2. Kim Kell, Risk Manager, inquired about insurance coverage for the program at the Egan Center where Marion Elliott broke her ankle. Director McCarthy informed her that it was a Recreation Department program and is insured by the City of Milford.
3. Director McCarthy received an email from John McCann stating that the pool will be closed December 9 and 10 due to the deck area being resurfaced. Vice Chairman Fabian asked who funds this and Director McCarthy informed her that we are responsible for the maintenance of the building and that Public Works is doing the job.
4. Director McCarthy reported that he received an email from the accounting department that the mileage reimbursement rate will increase to 48.5 cents per mile on January 1, 2007.

V. Director's Report

1. Basketball schedules have been mailed and leagues are up and running. Vice Chairman Fabian let Director McCarthy know that she was very pleased to be able to look up the basketball schedules on the website.
2. Paul Piscitelli launches Brazilian Capoeira program at Fannie Beach.
3. Pat Austin has started an instructional basketball league for 7 & 8 year olds on Sundays at West Shore. He has 8 teams and so far all is going well.
4. Director McCarthy reported that he issued a permit to the Hyatt family for a nativity scene on the green.
5. Director McCarthy reported that his capital improvement plan has been completed and submitted to the Mayor.
6. Director McCarthy attended a "Cultural Diversity Workshop" sponsored by Milford Collaborative. He reported that it was very interesting and educational.
7. Corporal Jordan C. Pierson Memorial Park update. Director McCarthy met with the Mayor and the Pierson family to go over details of the park and the memorial. The Mayor will inform the commission on the date of the dedication next year.

VI. Commissioners Reports

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the golf course is still open and he will have some final numbers hopefully by next month.
2. Chairman Worroll reported that he attended the Liberty Rock Park dedication ceremony and the Devon Rotary & Public Works department did a wonderful job.
3. Public Works did a very nice job doing the lights on the Green.
4. December 31, 2006 is the 3rd Annual Milford Celebrates.

VII. Old Business

1. Director McCarthy reported that he followed up on Commissioner Belluscio's inquiry as to what the children were doing at Walker Pond. Kelly Hammill, Public Works Secretary stated that Ann Berman dropped off a letter to Bruce Kolwicz last week and they were aware that the alternative ed students would be cleaning up the area.
2. Chairman Worroll reported that Director McCarthy checked the original Walnut Beach Rotary Pavilion plans and there was no monument included in them.

VIII. New Business

1. Director McCarthy reported that he met with Linda Ball and Gary Novelli on Monday. Gary Novelli has volunteered to help the gardeners clean up the perimeter of the gardens and Linda was asking for permission to have him do this.

Commissioner Worroll asked if the gardeners were originally cleaning up the area themselves. Director

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McCarthy stated that they tried and failed. Commissioner Worroll then inquired as to whether Public Works ever cleaned the area, to which Mr. McCarthy responded that they have not.

Vice Chairman Fabian asked how big the perimeter is and are there any insurance issues with bringing in heavy equipment. Director McCarthy stated that the perimeter is approximately 40' and he would check with the City Attorney on the insurance issues.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** approve Gary Novelli to do perimeter work on the outside of the gardens with the stipulation that insurance coverage and liability are covered and that the public works department is in agreement with this situation. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

IX. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission's to hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on January 3, 2007 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Guglielmoni, Secretary