**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 6, 2021**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 via Zoom. Interim Director Garfield called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll, Chairman Director B. Garfield

B. Bevan Ald. C. Gaynor

F. Shashinka Ald. W. Willis

K. Rowland

Excused: A. Fabian

**Election of Officers**

Director Garfield asked for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Rowland nominated Commissioner Worroll who has served over the years as Chairman and demonstrated his leadership. Commissioner Shashinka seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Garfield turned the meeting over to Chairman Worroll.

Chairman Worroll asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioners’ Bevan and Rowland made and seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner Fabian to continue serving as Vice Chair.

There be no further nominations, the secretary cast one vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**:

None

**Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting held on December 2, 2020**

Commissioners Shashinka and Rowland made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Director’s Report**

Interim Director Garfield stated they are still navigating through a strange virtual world. Working very hard to prepare for when we they can get back to normal. He reported the first correspondence regarding spring softball league. He also reported they are starting to build the summer playground program for 2021. Interim Director Garfield reported hoops by the harbor is ready to go, however they are waiting for official word from the Health Department. All exercise classes and clinics on the shelf. He reported they continue to run family trivia night that has proven to be very successful and continues to grow. He reported the last session was just shy of 40 families. Interim Director Garfield stated the next session will be three sessions each month held on Tuesday. He stated overall the department is plugging along, with tennis and pickleball being their only activity right now. He reported hose courts are operational, lights on. A lot of people are appreciative to be able to utilize those courts.

Felecia - thank Garfield and his staff. Leaving those pickleball courts up and able to use them every day has been appreciative. People do appreciate. There is usually a wait. Looking forward to getting that association together. Anyone, any age can play pickleball.

Worroll - Garfield named permanent director of recreation.

Adjourn - Rowland/Felecia. 5:43 p.m.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Worroll thanked the Commissioner for its confidence in having him continue as Chairman. He stated his report would be covered under *Commissioner Reports*.

**Commissioner Reports**

1) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll golf course has a new operator, NE Golf. He reported the contract is currently being tweaked by the city attorney. Chairman Worroll also expressed hope the course will open shortly, weather permitting.

2) Bench Dedication Program – Director Garfield reported the program is status quo with installations on hold due to winter and cold. He noted there are seven (7) benches in progress but won’t be installed until the spring.

**Unfinished Business**

1) Milford Arts Council – Commissioner Bevan reported he had no update from Ms. Miglio.

**New Business**

Chairman Worroll stated he was happy to announce Bill Garfield has been named the Recreation Director.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners’ Rowland and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary