**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 2, 2020**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 via Zoom. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll, Chairman Interim Director B. Garfield

B. Bevan Ald. C. Gaynor

F. Shashinka

K. Rowland

Excused: A. Fabian

**Public Comment**:

None

**Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting held on November 4, 2020**

Ms. Rowland and Ms. Shashinka made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Director’s Report**

Interim Director Garfield reported the winter softball league has been cancelled due to the uptick of COVID cases. He reported they also have had to shut down some of their exercise programs, as well as the youth soccer league. Interim Director Garfield reported the community gardens program donated just over 1,500 pounds of vegetables to local food banks. He also reported they have extended permits to both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and explained they are social distancing those programs to 6 kids per classroom. He also reported the pickleball and tennis leagues were extended. Interim Director Garfield reported his department continues to watch the weather and make decisions about outdoor programs as they go along. He stated the lights would remain on for a few more weeks, unless Mother Nature changes that decision for them. He also reported there have been Zoom exercise classes, an at home fitness challenge (families) and our family trivia night. He reported they had 40 families on a Zoom call last night for trivia night. For a first time, he commented “it was great.” Next week is Disney trivia.

Chairman Worroll asked Garfield to relay kudos to Linda Ball for coordination of the community gardens program and its continued success each year.

Commissioner Rowland asked if yoga is shut down as well.

Interim Director Garfield replied yes. He stated they are finishing up the current class. He added there will be a lot of new and exciting events coming up.

Commissioner Shashinka asked if they are still taking permits for pickle ball.

Interim Director Garfield stated they are not. He explained the original plan was for December 1st, but since the weather has been decent, they are pushing the program out while the weather is mild.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Worroll stated his report would be covered under *Commissioner Reports*.

**Commissioner Reports**

1) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the RFQ for a new management company at the golf course went out. He stated the deadline was extended for another week.

2) Bench Dedication Program – Interim Director Garfield reported they are at a standstill at this time of year. He reported have a total of 5 benches that are out and just waiting for them to be installed.

**Unfinished Business**

1) Milford Arts Council - chairman suggested inviting Paige M after the first of the year and explain some of the locations and artwork they are planning on.

Bevan reported he received pages and pages of an email. He stated he spoke with Ms. Miglio regarding the program. He stated there are 7 benches ready to go. The locations are still being determined; however, they did look at two proposed areas behind the library. Those two benches have literary sayings on the benches. There is another bench that would be illuminated that they were considering be placed on the green. They are now considering Founders Walk and another potential location at the north duck pond. Commissioner Bevan asked Ms. Miglio if she had contacted the city attorney’s office. He stated he also asked about ownership of the benches once installed and the city’s liability. He stated he never heard back from Ms. Miglio on those items.

Chairman Worroll commented they must make sure the benches are in locations this Commission has purview over and that the Public Works Department would be available to install the benches. A brief discussion ensued.

**New Business**

1) Approval of the 2021 meeting schedule

Commissioners’ Rowland and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2021. Motion caried unanimously.

Commissioner Bevan reported he received a telephone call, email, and letter regarding overbooking at the golf course.

Chairman Worroll explained how times are booked and that he would look into the matter.

Commissioner Shashinka stated the Golf Commission needed to keep in mind there have been frost delays. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Worroll reminded Commissioners’ Bevan and Shaskinka their terms are expiring December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Bevan stated he received the letter from the Mayor’s Office. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Worroll stated the next month’s meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners’ Shashinka and Rowland moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary