**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 7, 2021**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 via Zoom. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll, Chairman Director B. Garfield

B. Bevan Ald. C. Gaynor

F. Shashinka Ald. W. Willis

A. Fabian

Excused: K. Rowland

**Public Comment**:

None.

**Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting held on March 3, 2021.**

Commissioners Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Director’s Report**

Director Garfield reported Trivia wrapped up. He also reported participation in the pickleball program is through the roof with over 230 participants, with tennis on a slight decline. Director Garfield reported they are issuing permits for field use for softball, Milford Little, Milford United Soccer League, lacrosse, etc. He stated the Public Works has been working getting the fields ready. He also reported the adult cornhole league would be starting up soon. Director Garfield reported not all of the normal programs are up and running but he was helpful that would happen soon. He stated they have begun to issue permits for various spaces the department oversees such as the pavilion at Walnut Beach. He stated the auditorium is still closed with some construction projects going on within. Director Garfield reported a storage shed at Walnut Beach is being converted to a kayak storage unit. He stated the construction project should be completed shortly and it will be a safe place to rent kayak space safely. He also reported he is working with Jim Donegan at Milford Landing for kayak storage.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Worroll stated his report would be covered below.

**Commissioner Reports**

1) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported since the course opened participation has been unbelievable. He also reported golfers are using the new on-line tee time sign-up.

2) Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chair Fabian reported five (5) benches are in the process of being installed. She went on to explain each of the locations.

Director Garfield stated he has had conversations with Mr. Donegan at the Landing regarding possible bench locations.

Chairman Worroll stated there are spots available at the Orchard Golf Course.

**Unfinished Business**

1) Milford Arts Council – Chairman Worroll reported this Commission has authority with the property around the library. He explained in 2018 the Board of Aldermen made that area a park. He stated there is also the area along side of the library. Chairman Worroll stated he received a map from Commissioner Bevan that depicted where benches could go and where this Commission has jurisdiction.

Commissioner Bevan reported the Milford Arts Council (MAC) is looking for a fall installation of their bench program. He explained Public Works would have to pour concrete, except across from Mary Taylor. He pointed out the Harbor Commission has discretion at Lisman Landing. A brief discussion ensued as to liability, safety, maintenance and responsibility of the benches after 3-5 years.

**New Business**

Chairman Worroll reported there is a tentative date of June 26th for the “Kickoff to Summer.” He stated there are a lot of work and decisions to be made as to whether the event would move forward and what it would look like.

Commissioner Bevan commented about the sand at Gulf Beach noting the recent work moving the sand around and that it looks good. He also asked about gates across from the beach area and if they are in fact being installed.

Director Garfield stated he has nothing to report at this time regarding the gates. He also pointed out you must pay to park across the street from the beach.

Chairman Worroll reported the bidding for the stand at Gulf Beach was done by the Harbor Commission this year and that Goody’s received a 5-year contract.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary