# PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 1, 2022

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at Lisman Landing, on the pavilion. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## **Commissioners Present:**

**Also Present:** 

D. Worroll

B. Bevan

F. Shashinka

K. Rowland

Excused: A. Fabian

Director B. Garfield Ald. W. Willis

## **Public Comment**

R. Jacobs – 14 Darina Place – expressed her concern with "muscle" cars that meet and park at River Street for their Sunday coffee. She stated it is extremely loud for a Sunday morning and additionally, there are so many cars they spill over into the streets. She stated she spoke with the Mayor's Chief of Staff asking him if they have permits and to investigate another location for the group. Ms. Jacobs stated she has also called the Milford Police Department to express her concerns with the large gathering. She stated the other matter she wished to address with this Commission concerned the incident at Walnut Beach over Memorial Day weekend. She spoke about the amount of littering, ticketing, etc. Ms. Jacobs stated she has friends on Viscount Drive who were unable to access their residences due to the overcrowded area.

# Consideration of the Minutes of the March 2, 2022, and April 6, 2022, meetings.

Commissioners' Rowland and Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners' Rowland and Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Director Garfield reported he received a call from Maryann Pugliese regarding the Pickleball Association and private leagues developing. A brief discussion ensued.

<u>Director's Report</u> - Director Garfield reported all recreation programs are doing well. He stated tennis and pickleball lessons are up. He also stated they are gearing up for summer camps. Director Garfield reported the Community Gardens have sold out of all spots, 98% are residents of Milford. He also reported the yoga program is thriving, beaches are open, and the splash pad is open. He stated they are dealing with some issues with buses coming into the splash park, noting it just isn't big enough for that capacity.

Chairman Worroll asked the hours of the splash pad.

Director Garfield stated the hours are 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. He also reported tennis and pickleball permitting are going well. Director Garfield reported he was pleased to report the Parson's gymnasium floor looks fabulous, noting the city logo was added to the floor. Regarding Walnut Beach, Director Garfield reported he along with the Police Department and Public Works met with the mayor to discussing policing of the grounds, flow of traffic, weekend overcrowding, etc. He reported the police department has been down at Walnut Beach giving out tickets and infractions on the beach for various violations. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Garfield also addressed a remark during public comments. He reported to the Commissioners he spoke with the Mayor's Chief of Staff concerning the "muscle" cars and there is no permit for use of the River Street property. Director Garfield also reported he reached out to the police department as well.

# **Commissioner Reports**

- a) Golf Course Commission Chairman Worroll reported the course continues to run smoothly. He also reminded the Commissioners and for public knowledge the room adjacent to the clubhouse if available for rental. Chairman Worroll also reported the sand traps are down and trees have been trimmed.
- b) <u>Bench Dedication Program</u> Director Garfield reported the benches that were on backorder are starting to come in with the backlog almost cleared up. He reported 15 benches have been installed and more than been ordered.

Commissioner Bevan asked about the MAC art benches that were installed, 5 in total.

Director Garfield reported pads were poured on Prospect Street (2) and are already spoken for. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bevan spoke about Gulf Beach. He stated there needs to be more signage for parking, specification information that states "resident sticker" required.

Director Garfield stated he would let Public Works know.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Commissioner Shashinka stated she wished to discuss maintenance to the pickleball courts and added as new business.

<u>Commissioners' Shashinka and Bevan made and seconded a motion to add</u> maintenance of the pickleball courts to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shashinka stated the courts, especially those at Eisenhower Park need resurfacing. She inquired as to when that could be done, who would do the work.

Director Garfield stated he would like to try and get through the summer; however, he would investigate when the best time to resurface would be.

Commissioner Shashinka stated she would be having a meeting with the pickleball association and would bring back feedback from the group to this Commission. A brief discussion ensued.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Rowland and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary