

**PARK, BEACH, and RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 2023**

The Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the Lisman Landing Conference Room. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u> D. Worroll B. Bevan A. Fabian (Called in) K. Rowland F. Shashinka <u>Excused:</u> Ald. W. Willis	<u>Also Present:</u> W. Garfield, Recreation Director Ald. D. German
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Public Comment

T. Catapano of 94 Breswster Road expressed concerns about the number of cars parking at Brewster Field and the hours that teams are playing. He has been in contact with this Commission, the Police Commission, and the Board of Aldermen.

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 3, 2023, meeting

Commissioners Rowland and Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Chairman Worroll received correspondence from T. Catapano and this was forwarded onto the other Commissioners. Director Bill Garfield shared that he also received correspondence from T. Catatpano regarding Brewster Field.

Director's Report

William Garfield, Recreation Director, started with concerns about the fire ring at Eisenhower Park. This was previously used by the Boy Scouts but has since been vandalized and reportedly has fires left burning. He discussed working with Public Works to have this removed for fire-safety purposes.

Commissioners Rowland and Bevan made and seconded a motion to support the removal of the ring at Eisenhower Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Garfield shared a proposal from Recreation Supervisor Mike Dooling regarding the Milford Pickleball Association. Commissioner Shashinka shared that the association usually has participants waiting along the side for an open court. Discussion ensued about the MPA's use of courts at Eisenhower Park.

Commissioners Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to allow the Milford Pickleball Association to have use of all eight pickleball courts at Eisenhower Park on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00am until 12:00pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Garfield was happy to report that the Adult Softball League has 1,180 members signed up, the Hoops by the Harbor Outdoor Basketball League starts next week with 1,200 kids signed up, and the Summer Playground Program is reaching capacity. Furthermore, tennis and pickleball lessons continue to sell out and the Learn to Swim classes are always full. Director Garfield shared that the pickleball tournament this month went fantastic, and Chris Wright made a \$2,000 donation to the pickleball community, which the Recreation Department will use for windscreens at Fowler Field and paddle holders at the courts.

Director Garfield reported that he is working with other departments to improve the Facility Use permitting process. As of July 1, 2023, the permit holder must have the Facility Use Application complete with the insurance information three weeks prior to the event. Director Garfield also shared that there will be a new fee structure per the Public Works Department. Discussion ensued about possible solutions to including the Commission in the permit process.

Commissioner Reports

- a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported that the golf course is running well and that rounds are up. The golf course has set up a tent with picnic tables underneath for events.
- b) Bench Dedication Program – Commissioner Fabian shared that the previously ordered benches are being installed.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None

Being no further business, Commissioners Fabian and Rowland made and seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brooke Carlson".

Brooke Carlson
Recording Secretary