**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 19, 2020**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 via Zoom. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll, Chairman Interim Director B. Garfield

B. Bevan Ald. W. Willis

F. Shashinka Ald. C. Gaynor

A. Fabian

**Excused:**  K. Rowland

**Absent**: Public Works Representative

**Public Comment**:

None

**Approval of the Minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting**

Ms. Shashinka and Mrs. Fabian made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Interim Director Garfield reported he received from a neighbor adjacent to the Orange Avenue turf fields regarding overgrowth. A brief discussion ensued.

**Director’s Report**

Interim Director Garfield reported it has been a very successful summer. He stated the 6-week summer program went smoothly and the kids enjoyed the program. He stated it was hot, but they still wore masks. Interim Director Garfield also reported the staff did an amazing job and the Board of Education was incredible as well. He also reported the Skyhawks program was full most of the time, and finally the very popular “hoops by the harbor” program is working well. Interim Director Garfield reported the adult softball program is in its 7th week and it has gone well. He stated overall, people are respecting the social distancing in place. He also reported have started the permitting process for the pavilions for next year.

Ms. Shashinka asked how many kids were in the playground program.

Interim Director Garfield explained there were six (6) sites with15 kids per site and a pre-k camp with only 10. He reiterated, overall, all went well.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Worroll reported he received a number of complaints regarding the Charles Island Music Festival held August 1, 2020, as well as complaints from citizens complaining non-residents are using the beaches, pickle ball, etc.

**Commissioner Reports**

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the golf course is up and running and they are adhering to the COVID restrictions and those put out by the Milford Health Department.

b) Bench Dedication Program – Bill Garfield reported they are starting to bring the program back. A few benches went to the golf course. Some went to Walnut Beach. He noted some of those benches were ordered pre-COVID and that they are slowly getting back into the groove.

Commissioner Bevan asked if they are still using the same bench supplier.

Interim Garfield explained there was a potential for change, but they could not replicate EM O’Brien, so they remained with them. He added they are a solid company and easy to work with. A brief discussion ensued regarding the benches at the Parson’s complex that were destroyed in the recent storm.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners’ Fabian and Shashinka moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Kathleen A. Kennedy

 Recording Secretary