

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2016

Members Present

Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Felicia Shashinka, Commissioner
Frank Giustino, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman - Excused

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director
Bill Bevan, Aldermanic Liaison

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **March 2, 2016**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ansantawae Room. Vice Chairman Fabian, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on January 6, 2016.

Vice Chairman, Fabian asks for a **Motion** to accept the January 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to accept the January 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes as read. Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Discussion - None.

Motion unanimously carried

II. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

None

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Turf Fields Project – Director Piscitelli** – Director Piscitelli advised waiting on the YMCA land swap to be finalized. The banks involved have approved the draft Deeds and are waiting on an updated survey map. This will be handed over to the YMCA at the March 3rd meeting. Upon approval, this will conclude the land swap. Contract will then be finalized for the contractors to commence work.

Commissioner Rowland – commented that there may be legislation from the State about turf fields and the use of ground-up rubber. Piscitelli advised the City is aware of the proposed legislation and will continue to monitor it.

2. **Budget Update – Director Piscitelli** –Piscitelli advised the Finance Board kept in tack the Budget that the Mayor recommended. The effect of the minimum wage increases are prevalent in this year’s budget which is closer to maxing out the seasonal temporary account earlier than usual. This is also due to an increase in summer programming. Registration is up approximately 4% from last year due to program offerings, the ease of credit card registrations and the popularity of the website and social media.
3. **Summer Programming – Director Piscitelli** – Piscitelli advised we are in the process of getting schedules together. Schools will be getting out earlier this year and plans are in place to start earlier than in the past and some are contract programs that are not a direct cost to us. The Summer Playground Program will start in June as opposed to the end of June or after the start of the fiscal year. Camp Happiness will be held at Foran High School with a six-week program. Also, started a flag football program for boys and girls ages five to 13 to be held at Jonathan Law High School on Sundays. Registration is progressing.

Commissioner Shashinka – inquired if Milford has splash pads. Piscitelli advised that we do not; however, the City has applied for a STEAP Grant (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) for \$500K to put in a splash pad, dog park and reconfigure of the entrance way to Eisenhower Park.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee – Vice Chairman Fabian** – Golf Course will re-open for the 2016 season on March 13.
2. **Bench Dedication Program – Vice Chairman Fabian** – waiting for Public Works to install three benches: one in Fort Trumbull area for McGee Tondora, which is the first purchase of a slat replacement bench; Dr. Russo at the Gulf Beach Pier; Ellen Casey, to be located by the Pond and is a Victorian style bench. This should be done within the next month.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

St. Patrick’s Day Parade – March 12
Leprechaun Leap – March 13

VII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.
Commissioner Shashinka seconds **Motion**.
Discussion - None.
Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at **5:30 p.m.** on **April 6, 2016** in the Ansantawae Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
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