

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2007

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Jacqueline Munk, Commissioner
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
James Belluscio, Commissioner
Kerri Rowland, Alderman- EXCUSED

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Joe Garbus, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their March meeting on March 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

- I. **Consideration of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on February 7, 2007.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to accept the February 7, 2007 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Munk and unanimously carried.

II. **Public Statement**

Rich Coda, 22 Shorefront – President of Walnut Beach Association - Spoke in favor of the proposed revitalization project to the beach at the end of Stowe Avenue. He submitted a copy of his presentation to the to the committee members.

Michael Caro, 48 Laurel Avenue – Vice President of Walnut Beach Association – Stated that he understands why people may have some concerns about this project but he believes the main focus should be beautifying the beach. He would like to see handicap access to be the beach and he hopes everyone's concerns are taken into consideration.

Barbara Godejohn, 27 Carter Drive – Stated that she is in agreement with the previous speakers. She feels the City should maintain the property and keep it open to all residents of Milford.

Bruce McNoughton, 12 Naugatuck Avenue – Stated that he is also in agreement with the others. Any improvements in the area would be appreciated.

III. **New Business**

Commissioner Munk made a motion to re-order the agenda to bring forward Tom Ivers from Correspondence and New Business items 1,3,4. Seconded by Chairman Worroll and unanimously carried.

1. **Tom Ivers, Block Grant Coordinator** – Tom gave a presentation to the Commission on the proposed revitalization project for the beach area at the end of Stowe Avenue. Chairman Worroll stated that he thinks this is a very good project to be undertaken, the area has needed it for a long time. He believes that the handicap access is defiantly a plus. Commissioner Dooling asked Mr. Ivers if this was a park or a beach. Discussion followed and Mr. Ivers stated that he would coordinate with Director McCarthy what signage was needed for the area.

Commissioner Munk inquired as to whether lifeguards would be needed if this is considered a beach. Discussion followed, and again, it was agreed upon that signage would be installed accordingly.

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to accept and support Tom Ivers proposed improvements to the Stowe Avenue beachfront property. Seconded by Commissioner Munk and unanimously carried.

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2. Denise Morris Curt came before the Commission to discuss her concerns about her annual art show. She is seeking volunteers to help her with the many duties involved in putting the show on. She also inquired as to how she could get more electricity usage. Commissioner Worroll said that the commission would do whatever it can to assist her in these matters.
3. Linda Ball spoke to the Commission regarding a fundraiser that the Community Gardner's would like to have to raise funds for perimeter fencing, power equipment and possible project with Platt Tech students. After some discussion, Commissioner Munk suggested Linda look into getting a non-profit 5013C# before having the fundraiser. Paul Rusanowsky spoke briefly about the fundraiser and the gardens. He also spoke about getting some crushed stone put in that is needed for the road at the gardens.
4. Mayor Richetelli gave a presentation on the purchase of the Cadley Farm on Old Field Lane. He asked the Commission for their recommendation to use the funds in the P & Z Open Space Fund and the P & Z Park, Recreation and Open Space Subdivision Regulation Fund for this purchase.

Commissioner Munk questioned weather the City would maintain the open space area as open space. Mayor Richetelli said they would. Commissioner Dooling asked what the other lots were zoned for. Mayor Richetelli explained that they were zoned for single-family homes. Vice Chairman Fabian asked were the money came from in these two accounts and the Mayor explained to her how they were funded. Chairman Worroll asked if the City had considered keeping more than two lots and the Mayor gave him a brief explanation of how the current plan was reached.

Chairman Worroll **made a motion** to support the Mayor's plan to use the funds to purchase the Cadley Estate. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

IV. **Correspondence**

1. Director McCarthy reported that Ann Berman has made a request to display the Earth Day Scout garbage fence again this year, across from the Library.
2. Milford Trees, Inc. requested a letter of recommendation from Chairman Worroll for a grant application.

V. **Directors Report**

1. Director McCarthy reported that the Bridgeport Bluefish had contacted the Mayor's Office regarding having a Milford Day and John O'Connell referred them over to the Recreation Department. Bill Garfield and Paul Piscitelli met with representatives and set it up for Sunday July 1, 2007.
2. Director McCarthy reported that the Board of Finance approved his submitted 2007 – 2008 budget.
3. Director McCarthy reported that Martin Hardiman received his permit for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007.
4. Director McCarthy reported that he is still working with Bill Helene getting insurance quotes for the Skate Park.
5. Director McCarthy reported that the spring/summer flyer is being handed out to schools by March 14, 2007.
6. Milford Trees invites all to "Celebration of Trees" on March 11, 2007 at Milford Fine Arts Center.

VI. **Commissioners Report**

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the Golf Course is not open yet.
2. Chairman Worroll noted that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday at 1 pm.
3. Vice Chairman Fabian reported that she has received some feedback from a parent regarding Milford Lacrosse. The parent indicated that they are now more than satisfied that they now have an open line of

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communication with the Milford Recreation Department. They are not quite totally satisfied with Red Bush Field, but now understand the procedures. Bill McCarthy reported that Bill Garfield and himself recently met with the President of Milford Youth Lacrosse regarding their questions and concerns.

VII. **Old Business**

1. Vice Chairman Fabian reported that she has heard that Milford Lacrosse is happy with the new lines of communication with the Milford Recreation Department.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Fabian **made a motion** to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Munk and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commissioner's to hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 4, 2007 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Guglielmoni, Secretary