**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 3, 2019**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in Conference Room C (Ansantawae Room). Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He stated Commissioner Fabian was excused tonight due to a work commitment.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll Director P. Piscitelli

F. Shashinka Ald. C. Gaynor

B. Bevan

K. Rowland

Excused: A. Fabian

**Absent**: Ald. A. Sutton, Public Works Representative

**Public Comment**

Laura Ambrigio – 24 Ard Court – she stated she came to tonight’s meeting representing the Walnut Beach Association to get clarification regarding the recent changes inside Walnut Beach parking area. She asked where the new kiosks would be going, if Walnut Beach residents would be exempt, timeframe. She stated it was important to make sure a Walnut Beach resident with a residential sticker not receive a ticket for parking at the beach now. She asked about hours, signage and enforcement.

Chairman Worroll stated typically the Commission does not respond to questions during public comment, but stated enforcement still remains with the police department.

Director Piscitelli stated he would be happy to answer many of the questions raised during his report.

**Consideration of the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting**

Commissioners’ Rowland and Fabian made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Director's Report**

Director Piscitelli reported the work at Foote Field continues to progress. He stated the conduit and stanchions had been installed with work continuing with the parking lot and sidewalk. He stated the sidewalk would extend to the field and that they would be adding concrete pads for the bleachers. He also reported on the road project, i.e. the cut through from Eisenhower Park to Foote Field. Director Piscitelli stated they are working on the automated locks at Foote Field for the restrooms. He reported Platt Tech was temporarily relocated for their first softball game while work progresses.

Director Piscitelli reported the grand opening for the dog park would take place on or about May 25, 2019, Memorial Day weekend. He reported the parking lot would be paved the first week of May. Director Piscitelli reported spring/summer registration is underway, with online registration. He spoke of the lack of staff turn over from last year and stated there are few openings. He also stated they are hiring lifeguards for the summer, as well as the State. He reported he has not spoken with DEEP regarding any plans at Silver Sands for reconstruction of the buildings, the partial boardwalk that was burnt during the recent fire. Director Piscitelli reported softball was pushed back 2 weeks and youth baseball begins the third week in April. He stated fee for beach parking is $20.00 or $2.50 per hour on Viscount Drive and East Broadway from Viscount Road to Joy Road. He explained kiosks would be place every 15-20 spaces and that you would pay by space either hourly or for the full day. He stated the police department officers would have some type of device/technology to scan the kiosks and issue enforcement. He stated on-street parking is still allowed with a valid Milford resident sticker. With regard to timeframe, he explained the way the Ordinance is written is the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day, from sunrise to 10:00 p.m. He went on to explain the details of the attendant. At Gulf Beach, Director Piscitelli explained residents with a valid parking sticker would continue to park at the seawall or across the street. He stated there is still a 15 minute parking limit for those going to Goodies. He stated the location of the kiosk is within the parking area across from the beach. He explained it is a pay and display kiosk so that the street is not blocked.

Director Piscitelli addressed the questions brought up during public comment regarding vendors at Walnut Beach. He explained the vendors would be allowed to be there because they are there under an event permit. He stated enforcement at Walnut Beach has not changed and would still be under the police department. A brief discussion ensued.

**Commissioner Reports**

a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the course is open for play and that the course is looking good.

b) Bench Dedication Program – No report.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

Chairman Worroll announced a fundraiser would be held on April 24, 2019 at the Tribus Brewery to benefit the fireworks for the Kickoff to Summer event.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Rowland and Shashinka moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary