

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2013

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Frank Giustino, Commissioner
Julie Nash, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **May 1, 2013**, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on April 3, 2013.

Commissioner Giustino made a **Motion** to accept the **April 3, 2013** minutes as read.
Commissioner Rowland seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. None.

II. Correspondence

Director Piscitelli – Letter received from Joe Meade regarding his daughters' business called Rock on Creation. Their proposal is to refurbish, clean and paint all 25 benches on the Green at a cost of \$100 per bench for a total of \$2,500. Piscitelli advised that we have a bench slat replacement program similar to the bench dedication program and are waiting for the sample to come in which will determine the direction as to how we will proceed. Director Piscitelli will acknowledge Mr. Meade's letter, thank him for his generous offer and will file his proposal for future consideration. Piscitelli feels that the bench slat replacement program will correct the bench refurbishing problems on the Green.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Skate Park Renovations – Director Piscitelli** – The Skate Park renovation project Public Forum was held prior to the meeting and was well attended. There were three vendors with varying designs. Feedback on the concept was positive and attendees completed a questionnaire. Final design should be determined in four to six weeks with groundbreaking in September.
- 2. Anderson Avenue Basketball Courts – Director Piscitelli** – Anderson Avenue Basketball Court bid was opened April 30, 2013 and is to be awarded shortly. Work on this should start next month.
- 3. West Shore Tennis Court – Director Piscitelli** – Making arrangements to have the courts repaired through a Community Development Block Grant which we are applying for; however, funding will not be available until October.

Question: Commissioner Rowland. Have there been any inquiries from anyone about other uses

for the court that would be better suited to the neighborhood like a smaller skate park or things of that nature?

Response: Director Piscitelli. [I] have been contacted by several people in the area with various ideas for that court, such as: a roller hockey, a small skate park, a pickle ball court, and there is no outdoor basketball court at this location. Not knowing what the ultimate plan is going to be for the Boys & Girls Club, the West Shore Recreation Center, and the lot that is on the corner, we need to determine what the long term prospects will be.

Question: Commissioner Rowland. Would the block grant allow us only to upgrade and repair the tennis court, or will it allow us to do the surface and paint a half-basketball court for use when it is not used for tennis, allowing for multi-use purposes?

Response: Director Piscitelli – Yes. Community Development is appropriating funds which will cover the resurfacing and repainting of the court and could be painted for multi-purpose uses as well.

4. **Community Garden at Edgemont Park – Director Piscitelli** – At the October 3, 2012 meeting, the PBR Commission approved to accept the concept of a community garden and dog park as the Plan of Conservation and Development feels this area is under-utilized. They are still trying to put it all together and there is nothing concrete as to how it is to be structured or how it would follow the existing regulations we have for the existing community garden as well as who will be the administrator of the program for registration. Results of a soil test are pending which may determine that this may only be conducive to a garden; however, the dog park is something that also needs more investigation as well as the garden itself due to the nature of the soil.

Question: Commissioner Rowland – Alderman Paula Smith, unable to attend this meeting, mentioned concerns about having a dog park in a garden setting as it doesn't make sense for them to go together in a wetlands area. Would the PBR Board have the final say before anything is actually considered?

Response: Director Piscitelli – The PBR Commissioners have only approved the concept and never gave them any official go ahead. They are to come back before the PBR Board with their facts so an informed decision can be made.

Question: Commissioner Giustino – Didn't the Committee have their own concerns about the wetlands, and didn't they mention planting specific types of trees in this area because of this problem?

Response: Director Piscitelli - The Committee did talk about mitigating factors in planting trees.

Chairman Worroll – Also stressed major concerns about having a community garden and a dog park in this area as is very wet. He is also concerned about the pending soil test results. He stated this is City of Milford property and will have to fall under the rules and regulations of the other community garden, and feels Linda Ball should be involved given her experience. He strongly feels that Director Piscitelli and the PBR Board should be notified as to what is going on.

Question: Commissioner Rowland – Clarify that the community garden and the dog park are two separate issues and that one does not have to do with the other.

Response: Director Piscitelli – That is correct.

V. Commissioner's Report

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Golf course committee will meet next week. The golf course is up and running and prices will remain the same as last year, and the Recreation Department continues to sell gift certificates. In addition, the committee has expressed an interest in purchasing benches that we use for our parks and beaches which will keep them all the same.

2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll – Walnut Beach Committee will meet next week. Doing new facades for some of the businesses as well as repairing some of the sidewalks.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Director Piscitelli – Two benches have been ordered to go in at Walnut Beach. One is from the Benefico Family and the other is the Neskovic Family. The slat replacement program project is progressing. Chairman Worroll mentioned that the Deluca bench dedication will be on May 11.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

1. **Milford Youth Lacrosse – Director Piscitelli** – The Milford Youth Lacrosse is requesting permission to install a hitting wall. The specifics of it are outlined on a handout given to the Commissioners. Piscitelli discusses the Milford Youth Lacrosse coming before the Board two years ago and was granted permission to put up nets with the help of Public Works. They are now ready to construct a lacrosse hitting wall and Piscitelli demonstrates the locations of where the wall will be constructed. The construction of the wall will be paid and constructed entirely through the Milford Youth Lacrosse League. In addition, should this be approved by the Board, it will have to go before the Inland/Wetland Commission and before Planning and Zoning for 824 approval due to how it is to be structured. It does not affect any of the Recreation Department programs. Discussion followed regarding the safety and supervision concerns of the children who play and practice in the area where the wall is to be constructed. Piscitelli will follow-up with the Milford Youth Lacrosse to obtain additional information regarding this concern.
2. **Milford United Soccer Club – Director Piscitelli** – Milford United Soccer Club is requesting sponsorship signage at their fields located at the Milford Academy/YMCA and also the fields at the community gardens. Little League has a lease for their field which covers sponsorship whereas the Soccer Club has a permit to use the field. Piscitelli discussed the history of signage at Wasson Field and the reaction from the public at that time which the Soccer Club is aware of. Piscitelli also outlined how and where the Soccer Club would display the sponsorship signage and that it would only be seasonal. Discussion followed regarding the parameters of signage display and that they are to be taken down at the end of the season, and any potential legal problems due to not being a lease. Pending approval by the Board, Piscitelli will contact the City Attorney's office regarding the legalities.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to approve the Milford United Soccer Club's request for sponsorship signage with the stipulation that they are facing the field as described.

Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Discussion. None.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. **Milford Trees, Inc. – Director Piscitelli – Edgemont Park Plantings.** Piscitelli advises that committee members are unable to attend this meeting for discussion regarding the mitigation of Edgemont Park. No plans have been presented and suggests that this Item be Tabled until a plan is presented next month.

Commissioner Rowland makes a **Motion** to Table Item #3, New Business.

Commissioner Nash seconds **Motion**.

Discussion. None.

Motion unanimously carried.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Rowland made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Commissioner Giustino seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **June 5, 2013** in **Conference Room “C”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary