

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2012

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Julie Nash, Commissioner
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison
Frank Giustino, Commissioner

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **June 6, 2012** at 7:30 PM in Conference Room B of the Parson's Government Complex. 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 May 2, 2012.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the May 2, 2012 minutes as read. Commissioner Kerri Rowland seconds **Motion**. **Motion** unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

None.

III. Correspondence

1. **Letter received from Mr. Mark R. Moore, 85 Viscount Drive, Milford** – Director Piscitelli advised that Mr. Moore is upset regarding individuals throwing balls and Frisbees on the boardwalk and beach. Piscitelli advised that it is prohibited by ordinance to throw balls or Frisbees or play volleyball in prohibited areas; however, lifeguards enforce this situation when they are on the beach. Any other time of the day there is no enforcement available. Discussion followed and Mr. Piscitelli advised he will respond to Mr. Moore's letter.

IV. Director's Report

1. **Waterfront Program** – Director Piscitelli – The waterfront program is off and running with a staff of approximately 25 lifeguards with new uniforms. Public Works did a good job rebuilding the life guard stands which were damaged by the hurricane; the beaches have been raked and cleaned and the boardwalks have been repaired. Everything is off to a great start. Had a strong Memorial Day opening with a record of \$1,300 in parking fees.

2. **Field Conditions** – Director Piscitelli advised that 113 games were lost due to the weather during the month of May and now June. Piscitelli discussed the condition of Washington Field given the fact that a lot of money was spent re-doing the field and it is not in any better condition than it was a few years ago. For example, although the weather will improve over the next few days, the field will not be dry enough to play as the ground remains soggy due to drainage and run-offs. Director Piscitelli feels the field was poorly designed and the corrective measures taken two years ago were misguided as to what had to be done. The Mayor is aware of the problems. Discussion followed regarding maintenance, removal of water from the fields and the number of crews available for maintaining the fields. Director Piscitelli advised that one solution that would help is to put lights at Foote Field. Commissioner Rowland would like to see a quote as to the cost of lighting and discuss it as an agenda item. Chairman Worroll would like a letter sent to the Mayor indicating that due to numerous complaints about the field conditions the PBR Commission feels that the lighting project at Foote Field should be put on the top of things to do and given the fact that money is there to do it.

Piscitelli stated that he has been given updated price quotes for lighting Foote Field from Musco.

Discussion continued about the causes and possible solution to the poor field conditions. Commissioner Julie Nash indicated if it is possible to utilize people who are working on the golf courses and consult them regarding field conditions due to their knowledge.

Commissioner Kerri Rowland makes a **Motion** that due to numerous complaints, the PBR Commission would like to have some kind of immediate action on the lighting at Foote Field. Vice Chairman Ann Fabian seconds **Motion**. No further discussion. **Motion** unanimously carried.

3. **Sound Waters Program** – Director Piscitelli advised the Oyster Festival each year has the Schooner, Sound Water, come in and offer evening cruises on Friday night and Saturday day and evening. Sound Waters also offers educational camp weeks aboard the boat for children. They are looking to get into this area and the Oyster Festival is looking to promote their cruises on the ship as their fundraiser. Recreation Department is running two one-day camps each for three hour sessions which teaches children about sailing on the schooner and the environment.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll advised that rounds are way up and all is going well at the courses.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll advised that crossovers from the parking lot to the beach are going out for bid in a couple of weeks. The group from Schick did a great job cleaning up the area, and stripping will be done in the parking lot before June 15. Also, the parking lot will have to be paved in the near future. Worroll spoke to Kim Rose regarding the possibility of obtaining a grant which will not cost the City of Milford anything. Public Works moved the electrical boxes into the correct locations and the security cameras can now be placed for monitoring.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Chairman Worroll advised that he and Director Piscitelli attended the Bench Dedication at Walnut Beach. The turn out was impressive and at least 200 people attended including students from UCONN. Fox 61 News did an interview and is

available for viewing. The family was happy with the process and program. Vice Chairman, Ann Fabian advised that Public Works poured four pads and a fifth pad was poured for the Harriet Raczy' bench which is in a different location. Discussion followed regarding the future of the Bench Program, maintenance of the benches and potential locations sites. Joe Mead, a local businessman in town, is looking to clean, repair and replace the benches on the Green. He would like to come before the PBR Commission and discuss what can be done next month.

VI. Old Business

1. **Dog Park** – Vice Chairman Ann Fabian inquired as to the individuals who were interested in getting some funding for a dog run. Director Piscitelli advised they haven't been heard from. He also indicated that Friends of Eisenhower Dog Park posted on face book talk about things CT Recreation Associations' e-mail server as there are towns asking questions about building a dog park. Discussion followed.
2. **Repair of Basketball Court at Anderson Avenue** – Commissioner Kerri Rowland inquired about Joe Prisco's request for the repaving of the court. Chairman Worrell advised that he has been approached by Mr. Prisco and advised him that maintenance of the courts are done by Public Works. Discussion followed regarding the funding, block grant and the possibility of re-cycling street pavement, old curb and road to patch and repair as temporary fixes.
3. **East Coast Craft Show** – Director Piscitelli advised that they have fulfilled their financial responsibility and did not receive any complaints from any City departments or the merchants. There was a sampling of approximately 35 vendors and the quality was good. They expressed an interest to come back in September. Discussion followed regarding the popularity use of City facilities at Walnut Beach and Fowler Field.

VII. New Business

1. **Gifts** – Director Piscitelli advised that there was an article in the PATCH on-line about dogs, off-leash, on-leash, and in public parks and on beaches. There is an ordinance in effect and it talks about the protection of the dog and the owner and that it is a big problem on the beaches and in public parks. The Recreation Department ordered Dog Waste Dispenser Bags with the thought that it would be a positive way to help educate the owners and to get the dog owners interested and involved in the Recreation Department. June is license your dog month and in cooperation with the City Clerk's office, the Recreation Department will hand out a gift and listen to ideas and feedback on dog matters in the City.
2. **Green Health Wellness Expo Program** – will take place in the gymnasium on Friday, June 8 to promote healthy living and green lifestyles. The Recreation Department will have a table with information on programs promoting fitness for both adults and children.
3. **Silver Sands** – Chairman Worroll indicated that he and Director Piscitelli attended a meeting regarding the next phase of their expansion which involves repaving the parking lot, putting in restrooms and a concession stand. Once completed the State will put in a ticket booth and fees will be collected. Discussion followed the cost compared to other State parks for resident and non-residents and the future impact it will have on the City of Milford.

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Commissioner Kerri Rowland seconds **Motion**. **Motion** unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **July 11, 2012 in Conference Room “B”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary