Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting October 5, 2011

Members Present Absent Also Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman Kerri Rowland, Commissioner Sharon Fowler, Commissioner Patrick Dooling, Commissioner Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman Public Works Representative Nick Veccharelli Jr., Alderman

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director Bill Bevan, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their October meeting on October 5, 2011 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

I. <u>Consideration of Minutes</u> of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on September 7, 2011.

Commissioner Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to accept the September 7, 2011 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

III. Correspondence

1. Director Piscitelli received an e-mail from Barbara Held regarding the dedication of a bench for her brother at Washington Field. Discussion followed regarding the types of benches that can be used away from the beaches. Also noted was the re-use of the existing benches or getting larger ones at Foote and Brewster Fields. Commissioner Fabian will look into what can be done, costs and the sizes available.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. The Fall programs are up and running.
- 2. Calls have been coming in regarding the Skate Park. The feeling is that it is becoming more of a bike park. Efforts will be made to fix some of the asphalt surfaces to create a better skate experience and to install better signage in order to keep the bikes out of the area. Changes also discussed were for the fence as well as putting in security cameras to keep the problems away.
- 3. Scholarship Program for the Adaptive Programs needs financial assistance. Further discussion needed on a general tuition break, sibling breaks, and some type of discount. Overall, there is a need to help families who are in need of financial support to be able to use the programs offered. Director Piscitelli is working with Health and Human Service, among other groups, to put together a program that works.

V. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Chairman Worroll updated the Commissioners on the Walnut Beach Enhancement project Moving along well, contract extended through end of October. Overall the area is coming along well.
- 2. Chairman Worroll reported that the Golf Course meeting would be next week. The bids for the course are currently out. They are also looking to purchase another golf cart.
- 3. Discussion took place regarding the Casey Pavilion. Tropical Storm Irene destroyed a good portion of the area. Public Works is calling in a Structural Engineer to review the area. Also, Concerned Citizens for People with Disabilities is looking to improve the Brian Wynn walk for all people, plant some flowers and donate a couple of benches. Discussion followed. Also, discussion followed regarding the upcoming

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Pumpkins on the Pier event. Parking, logistics, and the fact that the lot at Walnut Beach parking lot will be closed during the event. Commissioner Fabian discussed the plans for the bench program. Public Works has another they are working on. The idea to use and reuse what exists was discussed also.

VI. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

VII. New Business

1. Due to Director Piscitelli having a conflict, the next meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on November 9, 2011 in Conference Room B.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Toohey, Recording Secretary