

**Park, Beach and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2011**

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Sharon Fowler, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Janet Golden, Alderman
Anthony Giannattasio, Alderman

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

Excused: Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission had their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Center. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. **Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on November 9, 2011.

Commissioners' Fabian and Fowler made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

II. **Public Statement**

None.

Commissioners' Fabian and Fowler made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item VII. - New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

VII **New Business**

1. **Proposed Eagle Scout Project – Christian Lofthouse (Troop 1) – MAST Food at Eisenhower Park.**

Chairman Worroll recognized Christian Lofthouse for his presentation.

Mr. Lotthouse distributed to the Commissioners his presentation. He went on to explain the project he wishes to complete at Eisenhower Park. He stated this project would make the park look better.

Chairman Worroll asked where the plantings would be located in the park.

Mr. Lofthouse replied near the main part of the parking lot, also near the baseball field towards the back and near the old Silverhorse Shoe barn and the parking lot near the back.

Chairman Worroll explained the Commission as a matter of procedure usually contacts Milford Trees and the Public Works Department to make sure no other activities are planned for those areas.

Commissioner Fabian asked Mr. Lofthouse how many trees would be planted.

Mr. Lofthouse replied 60-65 trees.

Commissioner Fabian reiterated the Commission consults with the Tree Commission. He commented the number of trees being planted seemed like a lot. She asked how long it would take for the trees to grow.

Mr. Lofthouse replied about a year.

Commissioner Fabian asked how the trees would be paid for.

Mr. Lofthouse stated in was in the process of obtaining funding.

Chairman Worroll asked Mr. Lofthouse to keep in contact with the Director Piscitelli throughout the project.

Commissioners' Fabian and Dooling made and seconded a motion to approve the proposed Eagle Scout Project with the stipulation that Milford Trees and Public Works be contacted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter of Concern from Ms. Heidi Staniszewski – Proposed Liquor Store at 254 Melba Street.

Chairman Worroll stated he received a letter of concern from Ms. Staniszewski concerning a proposed liquor store at 254 Melba Street. He explained the history on this property and also stated the former Recreation Director sent a letter of opinion concerning this address. Chairman Worroll also pointed out there was a prior liquor license at this address.

Ms. Staniszewski interjected, stating it was a pharmacy liquor license.

Chairman Worroll stated according to Director McCarthy's correspondence there were no problems at this location. He pointed that this Commission has no jurisdiction in this matter and that the purvey falls under the Planning and Zoning Board who would make the final decision. Chairman Worroll went on to explain the roll of this Commission citing such things as making policy, control of buildings and playgrounds. He stated this Commission would not make any ruling concerning a liquor store.

Ms. Staniszewski asked if the current Recreation Director was of the same position as the former Director.

Director Piscitelli stated the department would maintain the position on the file.

Chairman Worroll added to his knowledge they have never had a problem.

Ms. Staniszewski stated there have been incidents and that she is able to document those incidents.

Chairman Worroll read a statement from the Park, Beach & Recreation handbook. He reiterated the final approval rests with Planning and Zoning.

3. Kevin Curseaden representing Greg Davies d/b/a The Crushed Grape – Proposed Liquor Store at 254 Melba Street.

Attorney Curseaden stated he asked to be on the agenda so he could have the opportunity to address anything that might come up. He stated they had nothing further at this time.

III. Correspondence

1. E-mail from Margaret Daniels regarding the re-development of Fowler Field.

Director Piscitelli stated he has had conversations with Planning and Zoning. He stated his department would not be keen on losing those fields.

Chairman Worroll stated this idea was brought about by the Economic Development Commission.

2. Letter from Goodies requesting a renewal agreement to operate the concession stand at Gulf Beach –

Director Piscitelli stated their research shows this is a license not a lease and that it does not have to go out to bid. Therefore, he stated he would have no objection to continue with the current agreement.

Chairman Worroll asked if it is a 1-year agreement.

Director Piscitelli replied yes.

Commissioners' Fabian and Fowler made and seconded a motion to renew the agreement with Goodies to operate the concession stand at Gulf Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Director's Report

1. Budget Process – Director Piscitelli reported his budget meeting was postponed until tomorrow.
2. Scholarship Framework – Director Piscitelli reported he submitted to the Commissioners in their packet a proposed draft for the scholarship for the special needs program. He stated if the funding is there it will go towards the program.

Commissioner Fabian asked if there was any concern or feeling of possible discrimination for the regular programs.

Director Piscitelli responded the hope is to offer this to both programs if additional funding becomes available.

Commissioner Fowler asked how the scholarship would be determined.

Director Piscitelli replied it would be first come, first served.

V. **Commissioner Reports**

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll reported they have a new company for the operation of the course. He stated the Committee had selected Tournament Turf Care also the owners of Orange Hills Golf Course. He stated it is a three-year contract.

2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee** – Chairman Worroll stated the area looks great.

Director Piscitelli stated there is still some minor work to be done he also stated Public Works would be removing the electrical panel in the bathroom. He also stated there would be a ramp to get to the beach area. He also reported Public Works has agreed to fix the Casey Pavilion and put a wall for protection.

Commissioner Fabian suggested the Recreation Department partner with the United Way for volunteers to clean up the beach areas.

3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Commissioner Fabian stated there have been a lot of e-mails going back and forth. She stated the family has been waiting patiently for the completion. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Piscitelli stated Mr. Wing has suggested they wait until the pavilion work is complete.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

None.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Fabian and Fowler made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber, Recording Secretary
Acting for Sandra L. Betzig

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