**PARK, BEACH and RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 2, 2021**

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, via Zoom telecommunications. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Present: Also Present:**

D. Worroll Director B. Garfield

K. Rowland Ald. C. Gaynor

F. Shashinka

B. Bevan

**Excused/Absent**: Commissioner Fabian (Excused), Ald. W. Willis (Excused) and Public Works Representative (Absent)

**Public Comment**

None

**Consideration of the Minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting.**

Commissioners’ Shashinka and Rowland made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None

**Director's Report**

Director Garfield reported the Recreation Department is running full steam ahead, with adult softball, pickleball and tennis underway. He stated registrations are through the roof, which of course is good for the department. Director Garfield also reported on the summer programs, Skyhawks, Camp Happiness and the summer playground program are all sold out. He also reported the beaches have opened and that they are looking for an attendant for the park as well. He stated the attendant would help with COVID social distancing, reminding people jumping is not allowed from the piers/bridges, and reminding people to clean up after themselves. He also stated they are looking for lifeguards for the weekends. Director Garfield reported Hoops for the Harbor would take place this year, adding there are 22 adult teams, 19 high school and 45 youth teams. Director Garfield provided the Commission with an update regarding the Point Beach project. He stated the project is moving along with the installation of pickleball courts, basketball court, and playground with 4 swings. He also reported the netting along with foul ball line at Washington Field has been installed which will project the car dealership from errant balls. Director Garfield reported “Facility Use” forms are available for pickup at the recreation office for July and August events.

Commissioner Shashinka asked if the splash pad would be opening this summer.

Director Garfield stated he did not have an answer at this time. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Worroll asked if the department was a full staff.

Director Garfield stated there is an opening for a seasonal position that is currently being filled.

Chairman Worroll asked if the Gulf Beach Concession Stand had opened.

Director Garfield replied yes and reminded the Commission the Stand now falls under the Harbor Management but there is a new contract in place. Director Garfield also reported the snack stand at the Orange Avenue turf fields is open.

Commissioner Bevan asked about the recent installation of gates at Gulf Beach on the resident-only side. He also asked about little league registration.

Director Garfield explained the gates were installed as a safety measure. He stated the gates are locked at 10:00 p.m. and opened at 6:00 a.m. He stated it is to deter loitering, etc. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Garfield stated registration for little league is up and running for all leagues with the numbers being higher than ever before.

**Commissioner Reports**

1. Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported the course is open and rounds continue to be up, as well as for carts.

Commissioner Bevan provided the Commission with some background as to the golf course and its name. He stated the official name of the course is “The Orchard.” No “s” which was specified by one of the original members of the Golf Course Commission, Mrs. Josephine “Jo” Joy. It was her position the course was built on an orchard. It was many, many years later that the “s” was added to the name. The current management company will put something on the website.

1. Bench Dedication Program – Director Garfield reported no update today, only waiting on benches already ordered.

**Unfinished Business**

a) Milford Arts Council (MAC) – RE: Benches

Commissioner Bevan stated he had no update, but it was his understanding they benches would not be installed until the fall. He also pointed out to his recollection no one ever came before this Commission or any other commission for approval. Commissioner Bevan reported he emailed the MAC Director but did not receive a response.

**New Business**

None.

Chairman Worroll reminded everyone about Pirate Day coming up. He also reported “Kick-off to Summer” is still on for June 26, 2021.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary