

**PARK, BEACH, and RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 4, 2023**

The Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at the Lisman Landing Conference Room. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

<p><b><u>Commissioners Present:</u></b></p> <p>D. Worroll B. Bevan K. Rowland F. Shashinka</p> <p><b><u>Excused:</u></b></p> <p>A. Fabian Ald. W. Willis Ald. D. German</p>	<p><b><u>Also Present:</u></b></p> <p>W. Garfield, Recreation Director</p>
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**Public Comment**

D. Fanara of 291 Fresh Meadow Lane spoke about needing turf fields for softball and baseball fields in Milford. She shared frustrations among the adult softball community about field conditions and the number of rainouts this past season, and spoke about looking into bonds, fundraising, or grants to resolve the safety issue. Ms. Fanara also mentioned the decrease in maintenance costs, the reduced environmental impact, the improvements to the game, and better appearance of turf fields.

B. Sanchez of 6 Haystack Road also stated that turf fields would lower maintenance costs for the city, noting that it would still require maintenance, but it would be lessened. Mr. Sanchez also spoke about the warning track and recommended permanent bases at Grove Circle Field for second and third base and turf under the pitcher's mound.

S. DiBiase of 77 Lindy Street shared frustrations about rain this past season and agrees with D. Fanara and B. Sanchez.

C. Nunez of 5 Colony Road added that turf fields would bring more draw to the city for the softball community, as people are more comfortable playing on turf and that would allow games to be played even in the rain.

G. Guilmette of 28 Bernadine Road advocated for installing lights at Brewster Field. As President of the Milford Little League, Mr. Guilmette would like the players to be able to play more games on their home field.

M. Fanara of 291 Fresh Meadow Lane added that players get hurt sliding, and as an umpire he would be liable for players, so he is advocating for turf fields for player safety.

### **Consideration of the Minutes of the August 2, 2023, meeting**

Commissioners Shashinka and Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Chairman Worroll shared that he has received correspondence from T. Catapano regarding Brewster Field. Chairman Worroll stated that the Recreation Department does not handle the scheduling of the two fields there or handle parking tickets.

### **Director's Report**

William Garfield, Recreation Director, reported that the summer programs are winding down and shared some numbers from the season: 911 Tennis & Pickleball Season Pass holders, 350 members of the Milford Pickleball Association are Milford residents, 10,000+ court permits were granted, 480+ Adult Softball games played, and 1,000+ kids played in Hoops by the Harbor. Also, Summer Playground Program, Camp Happiness, and Summer Pre-K Camp registrations were increased compared to 2022.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll shared that rounds at the golf course are up, and that they are looking into purchasing new golf carts and a new building to store the carts in. Also, the Golf Commission welcomed a new Commissioner, Ralph Mayo.
- b) Bench Dedication Program – Director Garfield reported that seven new benches were just installed, and seven more benches have just been ordered. Director Garfield shared that there has been a request to increase the cost of benches, regarding the cost of the concrete slabs. Discussion ensued about previous concrete slabs and processes with the bench dedication program. Commissioners agreed that prices should reflect if a new concrete slab is needed for a bench installation.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** – None

Being no further business, Commissioners Bevan and Rowland made and seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brooke Carlson".

Brooke Carlson  
Recording Secretary