

**PARK, BEACH, and RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 6, 2024**

The Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2023, at the Lisman Landing Conference Room. Director Garfield called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

<b><u>Commissioners Present:</u></b>  D. Worroll A. Fabian S. Monforte F. Shashinka  <b><u>Excused:</u></b>  Ald. W. Willis	<b><u>Also Present:</u></b>  Ald. B. Bevan W. Garfield, Recreation Director  C. Jagoe, Little League Vice President
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**Election of Officers -**

Commissioners Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner Worroll to continue serving as Chairman.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Garfield turned the meeting over to Chairman Worroll.

Commissioners Worroll and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner Fabian to continue serving as Vice Chairman.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Vice Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment -**

Chairman Worroll announced that Kerri Rowland has stepped down from her position as Commissioner due to Article II, Sec 7, of the city charter. The Commissioners took a moment to thank her for 15+ years of service on the Commission.

Chairman Worroll introduced the new Commissioner, S. Monforte. The Commission welcomed him to his first meeting.

### **Consideration of the Minutes of the November 1, 2023, meeting**

Commissioners Shashinka and Worroll made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Chairman Worroll reported that he has received correspondence from T. Catapano regarding games at Brewster Field and parking concerns.

Director Garfield shared that he has met with representatives and schedulers of games and that these issues will be addressed by the Milford Little League. C. Jagoe, Executive Vice President of the Milford Little League, shared with the Commission that she has redesigned the game schedules for this upcoming season with staggered start times through the day. Commissioner Shashinka and Fabian suggested presenting schedules and communicating with the field's neighbors about these changes.

### **Director's Report**

William Garfield, Recreation Director, reported that the Milford Pickleball Program already has 300 registrations for 2024, and the department is looking to expand the program. He shared that the Recreation Department worked with Affinity Esports to offer an esports program, which has sold out both times.

Director Garfield reported that the indoor basketball season is wrapping up, and that the program experienced decreased numbers in registrations from past years. Commissioner Shashinka asked if there was a reason for the decrease in registration for youth basketball. Director Garfield shared that the Knights basketball group has increasing numbers and practices and plays at the same time. Commissioners Fabian and Shashinka suggest renegotiating with the Devon Knights about gym use.

Director Garfield shared that the Hoops by the Harbor summer basketball league will be starting up soon. He also reported that the Future Stars Basketball programs sold out all four sessions. Director Garfield stated that the Learn to Swim programs sold out within five minutes of registration opening. Director Garfield shared that the Summer Playground Program is bringing back field trips this year to the movies and the bowling alley.

Commissioner Shashinka shared she received a call inquiring about the basketball courts at Point Beach. Director Garfield shared that the replacement backboards have been received and that Public Works will replace them.

Director Garfield reported to the Commission that the Community Gardens brought in \$6,220 in 2023. He shared that he spent about \$40,000 on the Community Gardens in 2023, so the proposed price increase was meant to cover some more expenses.

Director Garfield also shared that the fence on the property cost the City approximately \$50,000+ over three years, which the gardeners raised approximately \$10,000 for the project, per Linda Ball.

Director Garfield shared that with the original price increase, he offered support through scholarships, payment plans, etc. The Commissioners spoke about potential sponsorships and donations to offset costs.

Commissioner Fabian inquired about the Facility Use permit application process.

Director Garfield explained the packet that contains all information and examples.

Commissioners discussed their role in the process of approving permits and potentially becoming more involved.

Director Garfield announced that they have redone the keys for the Orange Ave Turf fields for this season. He also reported that the beach parking has been taken over by the Milford Police Department. Director Garfield also shared that the cracks are being filled at the Anderson Ave and Eisenhower Park tennis courts.

Director Garfield reported that the cheerleaders in Milford have inquired about hanging banners at the West Shore Rec Center. The Commissioners would like more information before taking a vote.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- a) Golf Course Commission – Chairman Worroll reported that The Orchards Golf Course opened for the season in mid-January and there have been golfers since then. He shared that the Golf Commission was approved for a project transfer by the Board of Aldermen for upcoming projects.
- b) Bench Dedication Program – Commissioner Fabian spoke about assessing the benches across the city. She will do an evaluation over the next few months and report back to the Commission. Director Garfield reported that the bench for Pat Austin has been installed.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** – None.

Being no further business, Commissioners Fabian and Shashinka made and seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooke Carlson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brooke Carlson  
Recording Secretary