



**THE CITY OF WORCESTER**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS  
PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION  
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Meeting Minutes for  
Thursday, July 19, 2017 – 6:00 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Scott Cashman  
Nick Chacharone  
John Luring  
Meg Mulhern - Chair  
George Sedares – Vice Chair  
Lawrence Sullivan  
Matthew Wally

**Administration Present:**

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr. CRPR, Assistant Commissioner  
Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Referral to Policy Subcommittee: NA

Referral to Naming/ Land Usage Subcommittee: NA

Referral to Golf Course Subcommittee: NA

General:

Chairperson Ms. Mulhern called to order at 6:15 PM

- Request the re-naming of Coes Knife
  - Ed McKeon spoke on his name Monkey Wrench Park and Playground. He gave the history of Coes and the Monkey Wrench.
  - Councilor Gary Rosen spoke on his name Coes Park & Pond gave notes about accessibility. Coes Park Alliance supported Coes Park & Playground, it's a basic name like Elm and Hadwen. He spoke about how the playground is the biggest part of the facility.
  - Leslie Saffer talked about her history, and about the two names and suggested it be called "Coes Square Park".
  - Councilor Lukes talked about squares. She talked about voting for Coes Park & Playground.
  - Sue Swanson talked about the name Coes, about how water is an important part of a park.
  - Laura talked about having a daughter with cerebral palsy and she spoke about playground not being approved, about playground for children and the support of adult population. She also said that vandalism would be a concern.
  - Roger Parent from the Coes Task Force voted for Coes Park.
  - Parks Commission member Mr. Luring stated that playgrounds are for kids.
  - Parks Commission member Mr. Cashman was in support of Coes Park.
  - Parks Commission member Mr. Chacharone was in support of Coes Park.

- Parks Commission member Mr. Wally thanked them for the work on the names, and stated that the simplicity of Coes is important.
- Parks Commission member Mr. Sedares also spoke about the simplicity of the name.
- Chair Ms. Mulhern asked to make a motion.
- Motion was made by Mr. Cashman to name it Coes Park, Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 – 0.
- Mr. Luring made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Sedares. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM