



**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, April 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Nick Chacharone  
John Lauring  
George Sedares  
Lawrence Sullivan

**Administration Present:**

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr. CPRP  
Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Mr. Sedares called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

- Mr. Sedares went on to the acceptance of minutes the minutes were tabled for the next meeting.
- Mr. Sedares went on to the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
  - Spring 2018 Permits – Field Availability
    - Mr. Antonelli stated that the fields were scheduled to open April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
  - Fourth Annual Volunteer Recognition Event
    - Mr. Antonelli explained he had added an item on this to the Commissions packages.
  - Request of Luke Markgren to speak in front of the Commission on boating program @ Coes Pond.
    - Mr. Antonelli asked the Commission to let Luke Markgren the Operations Manager at the Regatta Boat Sailing speaks in reference to the boating program at Coes Pond.
    - Mr. Markgren stated that for the first year they did some rentals and programming, they had revenue of about \$4,000, they had about \$1,000 in donations for kids to go to separate programs. The cost to run the program was about \$8,000 so their net loss was about \$3,000 for the first year but they had planned that as an acceptable loss for the first year as it was slow going and getting marketing going. He explained that what they are looking for is for a 3 – 5 year commitment from the Commission. He also explained that they are planning on spending around \$10,000 in between staff cost and programming needs. He also mentioned they volunteer for the Coes Pond Family Day and the Knights of Columbus Family Day as well as work with Recreation Worcester.
    - Mr. Lauring asked if Regatta was involved with Seven Hill programs.
    - Mr. Markgren stated that they are not involved yet but that they are planning on having a Universal Access Program & Recreational and Educational Programs to work with Seven Hills.
    - Mr. Lauring asked Mr. Antonelli if the Parks Division has ever had an agreement of that sort.
    - Mr. Antonelli suggested that the best thing to do is to bring it to the Law Department to see what they can come up with since the Parks Division has never had a request of this sort. Mr. Antonelli suggested the Commission give approval to start discussions with the organization and the Law Department.
    - Mr. Lauring made a motion to approve the Parks Division to start discussions with Regatta Point and the Law Department to start working out details for an agreement between the City of Worcester and Regatta Point for programs at Coes Park Beach/Pond. Mr. Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
  - Request of REC to have a Farmers Market on Worcester Common

- Ms. Grace Celeste the director of programs for Regional Environmental Council spoke on behalf of the program which is part of the Farmers Market but this specific event is a plant sale, they would be selling vegetables as a fundraiser and the money from the fundraiser will go towards buying seedlings for 62 providers in the city. She explained they collaborated with the City Manager's Office last year and the Managers Office did the permit process for them and this year would be their first year submitting the request for approval.
    - Mr. Antonelli asked if she had an updated map for him to approve the set up.
    - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve this event based on finalizing paperwork for permit. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Luring. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- Grant Applications –
  - Mass Port Community Charitable Grant Program – Filed
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price – Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park – Filed
  - Park & Land Grant Program – South Worcester Playground – Awarded
- Economic Development Initiatives
- Cultural Events – NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donation - NA
  - Capital Improvement Programs
    - Apricot Street Playground - NA
    - Ball Property - NA
    - Banis Street Playground - NA
    - Beaver Brook Park - NA
    - Bell Pond – NA
    - Bennett Field – NA
    - Betty Price Playground – Under construction
    - Blackstone Gateway Park – Under construction
    - Blithwood Park – NA
    - Boynton Park – NA
    - Burncoat Park – NA
    - Burncoat Playground – NA
    - Cascades Park – NA
    - Castle Park - NA
    - Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
    - Coes Park (Knife)
      - Stearns Tavern – Still doing work
      - Playground
    - Coes Pond – NA
    - Columbus Park – NA
    - Cookson Park – NA
    - Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
    - Crompton Park – NA
    - Dodge Park – NA
    - Elm Park – NA
      - Newton Hill – Work continues
    - Fairmont Park – NA
    - Farber Field – Under design
    - Grant Square – Completed working on punch line items
    - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
    - Green Hill Park Renovation
      - Green Hill Farm
      - Community Gardens
      - WWI – Awarded to be completed 11/11/18
    - Greenwood Park – NA
    - Hadwen Park – NA
    - Harrington Field – NA

- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) – Initial design going out to bid
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field – Under construction
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update
  - Walkway Design – Final Design
  - Salisbury Pond
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake Park State - NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field - NA
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – Final stages of construction
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – Grand Opening Celebration June 27, 2018
- Spillane Field – NA
- Tacoma Street Playground – NA
- TY Cobb – NA
- University Park – NA
- Vernon Hill – NA
- Wetherall Estates (Duffy Field) – NA
- 149 West Boylston Drive - NA
- Winslow & Pleasant - NA
- Aquatic Master Plan – NA
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – Continue to work on items
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – NA
- Misc. items:
- Keep Worcester Clean - NA
- City Council Orders –
  - Request to limit fertilizer & nutrient run off into Indian Lake
  - Request Assistant Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to attend an April 5, 2018 meeting about the basketball courts located off Hawley St & Piedmont St.
  - Request a review of the structural integrity of the stone wall on Highland Street
  - Beaver Brook – Mann Street Parking Lot
- Petitions –
  - Tree Inspection @ 22 Northboro Street
  - Heart Mosaic for the Common
- Forestry Operations – NA
  - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)

- EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
  - Arbor Day April 27, 2018
- Budget – Operational & Capital
  - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – In development
  - Capital Improvement Program – Purchased almost \$800,000 in Capital Equipment
  - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
  - City Auditor Communications - NA
- Summer Youth Employment Program – Begun to advertise for maintenance
- Aquatics – Will advertise sometime in May and will open pool and beaches on July 1, 2018
  - Christian’s Law – NA
- Recreation Worcester - NA
- Holiday Tree – NA
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - NA
- Waterfowl in Park – NA
- Out-to-Lunch – NA
- Trash – NA
- ESCo – NA
- Park Permits –
  - See Above
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
- Misc Information –
  - Article on Doherty High
  - Article on National Vietnam Veterans Day – Huge event March 29, 2018, 400 – 500 attendees
  - Article on Volunteer Cleanup
- City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
- Golf Course: NA
- Golf Course Donations: - NA
- Mr. Lauring made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Sullivan. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: May 3, 2018 – 6:30 PM