



THE CITY OF WORCESTER
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PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, March 12, 2020 - 6:30PM

Commissioners Present:

Nick Chacharone
Mary Anne Dube
Eric Goldstein
Julie Ann Lamacchia
Bowen Lee

Administration Present:

Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chair Mr. Chacharone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- A motion was made to the acceptance of the minutes for January 30, 2020.
It was second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
- Mr. Chacharone turned the meeting over to Recreation Coordinator Jeffrey Tomaino for the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first item on the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Request of Food Truck Festival of America to serve alcohol on the Worcester Common as part of their special event. They didn't send anyone because of the COVID -19, there has been no issues with them in the past. Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve, Ms. Dube seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0
- Request of the WCCA TV to serve alcohol on the Worcester Common as part of their Jazz Festival. The event representative detailed the event, this was the first year they were asking to do alcohol at this even. Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0
- Request of Beats & Barbecue for an event at East Park. This event had a change of date due to the Covid-19 the new date is 9/19/2020. Event Representative was on hand to discuss the event and this is the third year doing it. Mr. Goldstein made a motion to approve. Mr. Chacharone seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0.
- Request of Eden's Slime Sundaes for a Family Festival at Elm Park. Geoff Killebrew talked about his family festival and answered any questions the Commission had. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve. Mr. Chacharone seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0
- Request of the Salisbury Cultural District for a program centered on Paul Revere at Institute Park. Lauren Morocco was there to talk about this event as it is a first time event. The Commission had questions about the event and the permit. Ms. Morocco answered all question for the Commission. Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve. Mr. Goldstein seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0.
- Request of the Worcester Renegades to speak to the Commission. Joshua Fahbeck is the new President of the Worcester Renegades and he wanted to introduce himself to the Commission and updates on what he is trying to do with the program.

- Memo on Open Space & Recreation Plan
- Grant Applications –
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park – Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Columbus Park- Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Crompton Park – Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Mulcahy Field - Awarded
- Economic Development Initiatives –
 - NA
- Cultural Events-
 - NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations –
 - 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 – NA
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – NA
 - Blithwood Park – NA
 - Boynton Park – NA
 - Burncoat Park – NA
 - Burncoat Playground – NA
 - Cascades Park – NA
 - Castle Park – NA
 - Common – NA
 - Coes Park (Knife) – NA
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
 - Coes Pond – NA
 - Columbus Park – NA
 - Cookson Park – NA
 - Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
 - Crompton Park – Crompton Park Skate Park Master Plan Meeting
 - April 2, 2020 (Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting)
 - Dodge Park – NA
 - Elm Park – NA
 - Newton Hill - NA
 - Fairmont Park – NA
 - Farber Field – NA
 - Grant Square – NA
 - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
 - Green Hill Park Renovation – Update
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens
 - WWI
 - Greenwood Park – NA
 - Hadwen Park – Update

- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update
 - Walkway Design
 - Salisbury Pond
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field – Update
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – NA
- 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 – Update
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Request to keep Art Work in Elm 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 –
 - Swim Lessons
 - Black History Trail
 - Petitions –
 - Duffy Field
 - Forestry Operations – Update
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – May 1, 2021

- Budget – Operational & Capital - Update
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Update
 - Capital Improvement Program – Update
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
 - City Auditor Communications - NA
- Summer Youth Employment Program – NA
- Aquatics – NA
 - Christian’s Law – NA
- Recreation Worcester - NA
- Holiday Tree – NA
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - Update
- 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
 - Veterans Memorials - NA
 - Misc. Information –
 - Article on ALB Infested Tree in Auburn
 - Article on USDA ALB Efforts
 - Article on Mass Bees threatened
 - Article on Duffy Field/ Wetherell Park
 - Wendy Walsh talked about her concerns about the Doherty High project effecting Duffy Field and the community.
- Golf Course:
 - NA
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Chacharone motioned to adjourned. Mr. Goldstein seconded the motion. Motion was accepted 5-0 , meeting ended at 7:05pm

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