



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday March 3, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

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Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Mary Ann Dube
Eric Goldstein
Julie Ann Lamacchia
Natalie Turner
Erin Zamarro

Administration Present:

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner
Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator
Milagros Pacheco, Sr. Accountant
Scott Morin (Via Phone)

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1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM
 2. Attendance (Roll Call) – Six (6) Commission Members were present at the March 3, 2022 meeting.
 3. Acceptance of Minutes for November 18, 2021 & February 17, 2022
 - 3.1. Mr. Goldstein made a motion to accept the minutes for November 18, 2021. Second by Ms. Zamarro. Motion was approved 5 – 0 – Ms. Lamacchia abstained.
 - 3.2. February 17 Minutes were tabled for the next meeting.

4. Public Participation – Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in person and remote participation at the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. To partake in the “Public Participation” section of this meeting, you may join us directly within the 50 Skyline Drive Meeting Room A, follow the information above to join via the WebEx application or dial the direct line as indicated. If you would like to raise your hand when in the meeting as a call-in user you may dial *3.
5. Committee Reports
 - 5.1. Golf Course Subcommittee – None
 - 5.2. Policy Subcommittee – None
 - 5.3. Naming & Land Use Subcommittee – None
6. Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Referral to Policy Subcommittee: NA
2. Referral to Naming/ Land Usage Subcommittee: NA
3. Referral to Golf Course Subcommittee: NA
4. General:
 - Request of Habitat for Humanity Metro West/Greater Worcester to hold an event at Elm Park
 - Joseph Townsend, Director of Development spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. He explained that they work with teams of companies/organizations that send volunteers to build playhouses to gift to children of veterans and their families. The event is to build 5 to 10 houses, 8 – 12 volunteers to build each house. At the end of the event the families come to pick up the playhouses.
 - Ms. Dube made a motion to approve. Second by Ms. Zamarro. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
 - Request of the Massachusetts Pirate to allow alcoholic beverages as part of the already approved tail gate party on the Worcester Common
 - Colleen from the Massachusetts Pirates explained that this event had already been approved on the February 17, 2022 meeting, for 3 dates (April 3, 23 & May 28, 2022) without the alcohol element. A notice went out to the public to inform them of the request to serve alcohol at the Common and notifying them of the meeting date and location.
 - There was a follow up discussion regarding restrooms.
 - Mr. Goldstein made the motion to approve the event. Second by Ms. Lamacchia. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
 - Request the Commission to review a draft postcard informing the public of communication options when issues arise within a Public Park.

- There was a discussion, and some suggestions to update the card to be approved at the March 31, 2022 meeting.
- Mr. Cashman asked on how these will be distributed. Mr. Antonelli suggested getting them out to neighborhood centers, the annual events and sports meeting, having them available at the office, and give some to Parks Security to hand out.
- Mr. Goldstein suggested giving some to the City Councilors for handing out to their constituents.
- Ms. Turner suggested signs.
- Mr. Antonelli explained that there are so many signs out there already it may be overlooked but that it would be considered as a second option.
- Grant Applications –
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Columbus Park- Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Coal Mine Brook – Awarded
 - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant – Tacoma St Playground - Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – University Park – Submitted – up to 1 million
 - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant – Indian Lake Beach - Submitted
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Coes Pond Beach – 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
 - Blithewood 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 – NA
- 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 – NA
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens
 - WWI
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- 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 – NA
 - 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 – NA
- 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 – NA
- 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 –
 - NA
 - City Council Petitions –
 - NA
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – April 29, 2022 at University Park
 - Budget – Operational & Capital - NA
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement Program – NA
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
 - City Auditor Communications - NA
 - Summer Youth Employment Program – Some positions have been posted
 - Aquatics – NA
 - 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 – NA
 - Access/ ADA – NA
 - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
 - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
 - Veterans Memorials - NA
 - Misc. Information –
- Golf Course:
 - NA

- Golf Course Donations: NA

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- March 31, 2022
- April 28, 2022
- May 12, 2022
- June 16, 2022
- September 15, 2022
- October 20, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- December 15, 2022
- January 19, 2023
- February 2, 2023 (Sports & Event Meeting)
- March 2, 2023
- March 30, 2023
- April 27, 2023
- May 25, 2023
- June 15, 2023

8. Meeting Adjourned

8.1.1. Ms. Dube made the motion to adjourn, Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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