



**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 – March 25, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.  
Virtual Meeting  
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**Commissioners Present:**

Mary Ann Dube  
Eric Goldstein  
Julie Ann Lamacchia  
Bowen Lee  
Natalie Turner  
Erin Zamarro

**Administration Present:**

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner  
Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:**

- Chair Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first and only item on the agenda:
  - Request of the Hanover Theatre to use the Worcester Common for the production of William Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar & sell alcohol as part of the event.
    - Troy Siebels spoke on behalf of the Hanover Theatre, he stated that they would like to do a production of Julius Caesar at the Common just as the Shakespeare Company does at the Boston Common. They want to try it and if it works maybe make it a yearly event. This event would be free to the public, they would like to do 12 performances during the month of August with a cast of 20 people. They are requesting a liquor license to serve inside the Oval. The intent would be to sit audience inside the oval and stage it primarily on the upper plaza. They are hoping to have at least 200 people per performance. He said they would adhere to whatever the guidelines are at that time.
    - Mr. Goldstein had questions regarding the alcohol and the set-up of a stage impeding other events.

- Mr. Antonelli stated that he did not see any issues with this event and that the Parks Division was in support of this event.
- Ms. Lamacchia had questions regarding how social distancing will be addressed and how guidelines would be enforced in areas such as portable toilets assuming not everyone will be vaccinated at that time.
- Ms. Turner has questions regarding other events conflicting with this request.
- Mr. Lee had a question regarding the space that will not be reserved, who will help maintain the social distancing.
- Ms. Turner asked if there would be any fencing.
- Mr. Goldstein asked if there were any further questions. There wasn't.
- Ms. Turner made a motion to accept the Hanover Theatre event and request to service alcohol. Second by Mr. Lee. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
- Mr. Goldstein moved on to the acceptance of the minutes for February 25, 2021. Ms. Dube made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Minutes were approved 6 – 0.
- Mr. Goldstein moved on to the Commissioners report.
- Mr. Antonelli
- Grant Applications –
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Columbus Park- Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Coal Mine Brook - Submitted
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Mulcahy Field – Awarded
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Coes Pond Beach – Awarded
  - Mass Trails Grant Program - Submitted
  - 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 – 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 –
  - Holmes Field & Grant Square
  - Planter @ Lake Ave & Belmont Street
  - Opening of Basketball Courts
  - Mulcahy Field
  - Billings Square
  - Geese Management Program
- Petitions – NA
- Forestry Operations – NA
  - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
  - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
  - Arbor Day – April 30, 2021 – There was no specific location
- 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 – Currently advertising online for many seasonal positions: Maintenance and aquatics
- Aquatics – Update
  - 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 –
  - Article on In Person Meetings
  - Article on Climate Rally
  - Article on Worcester Playground & Parks
  - Golf Course: Currently open
  - Article on Grill on the Hill
  - Golf Course Donations: NA
- Mr. Goldstein mentioned that there was 1 item under Old Business that has been there for a while and he questioned if it needed to be kept there.
  - Mr. Antonelli made an administrative request to file this item. It was an old an event.
  - Mr. Lee made a motion to file the request from Greenery for a Cannabis rally that is now classified as old business. Second by Ms. Dube. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
- Mr. Goldstein moved on to New Business, the appointment of the new Chair Person and Vice Chair Person.
- Mr. Antonelli stated that since Mr. Lauring and Mr. Chacharone were off the Commission there needed to be a nomination and an approval for a new chair and vice chair. He advised that historically the nomination had been made based on seniority. He recommended that at this point it would be Mr. Cashman as the Chair and Mr. Goldstein as the Vice Chair. He also stated that the Commission could change the way it’s been done if they want but that he was looking for a vote on this.
- Ms. Dube had a question on if there was one vote for Chair and Vice Chair or separate motions.

- Mr. Antonelli said only one motion would be ok.
- Ms. Dube made a motion to nominate Mr. Scott Cashman for Chair and Mr. Eric Goldstein for Vice-Chair. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
- There was a discussion in reference to future meeting dates.
- Mr. Goldstein asked if there was any new business.
- Ms. Zamarro asked if there were any updates on basketball hoops.
  - Mr. Antonelli explained that the Health Department was not comfortable with opening basketball courts yet because they are very difficult to manage.
- Ms. Dube made a motion to adjourn. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6-0. Meeting ended at 7:18 PM

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