



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 – May 20, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting
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Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Mary Ann Dube
Julie Ann Lamacchia
Bowen Lee
Erin Zamarro

Administration Present:

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner
Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator
Milagros Pacheco, Sr. Accountant

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Referral to Policy Subcommittee: Alcoholic Beverage Policy (File)
2. Referral to Naming/ Land Usage Subcommittee: NA
3. Referral to Golf Course Subcommittee: NA
4. General:

- Chair Mr. Cashman called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.
 - Mr. Cashman moved on to the acceptance of the minutes for March 25, 2021 & April 15, 2021.

- The minutes for March 25, 2021 went first, Mr. Cashman abstained from voting as he wasn't present at that meeting. Ms. Dube made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Ms. Lamacchia. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- The minutes for April 15, 2021 were tabled, Both Mr. Cashman and Mr. Lee had to abstain as they were not at the meeting, and also there weren't an adequate amount of Commissioners for a vote.
- Mr. Cashman then moved on to the Committee reports: There were none, so he moved on to the Assistant Commissioners Report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item on the Assistant Commissioners Report:
 - Request to donate a bench from Kerrie Schofield
 - Ms. Schofield had a presentation on the reason why she wants to donate a bench at East Park and a memorial tree at Elm Park, she explained it's not as much as a memorial, she would like to use these to bring awareness to Brain Aneurysm, she survived a brain aneurysm and she believes awareness is key.
 - There were a few questions from the Parks Commission regarding installation & funding.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Lee to accept this proposal. Second by Ms. Dube. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
 - Mr. Antonelli moved on the review and initial approval of the 2020 City of Worcester Open Space & Recreation Plan
 - Gene Bolinger from Weston & Sampson gave a presentation on the Open Space and Recreation Plan. There were questions regarding the survey that was done to obtain information for the Open Space & Recreation Plan.
 - The draft Open Space & Recreation Plan can be found on the City Web Site @ www.worcesterma.gov/city-parks under Open Space & Recreation Plan.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Dube to approve the current Open Space & Recreation Plan and if any changes are made for any reason it would come back in front of the Parks Commission for final approval. Second by Ms. Zamarro. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
 - Parks & Recreation Commission Member Appointment
 - Mr. Eric Goldstein was assigned for another 3 year term in the Parks & Recreation Commission
 - 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
 - MassPort Community Charitable Relations Program - \$50,000.00
 - Economic Development Initiatives –
 - NA
 - Cultural Events-
 - NA
 - Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
 - Donations –
 - Donation from Holy Cross
 - Donation from the Boston Society of Landscape Architects
 - 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 –
 - Covid-19 Memorial
 - Traffic Study around Lake Park
 - Building Consolidation
 - Petitions –
 - Tree Planting
 - CPA – Voter approved additional tax of up to 3% that is allowed to be waived. The City of Worcester does not have CPA.
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – Update -
- 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 – Update
- 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 –
 - Belmont Street Bridge Memo to the City Council
 - Article on Basketball Courts
- Golf Course Donations: NA
- Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dube. Second by Mr. Lee. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0. Meeting was adjourned.

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