



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, June 15, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Nick Chacharone
Meg Mulhern, Chair
Lawrence Sullivan
Matthew Wally

Administration Present:

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr. CRPR, Assistant Commissioner
Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Ms. Mulhern called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

- Ms. Mulhern tabled the acceptance of the minutes for the next meeting.
- Ms. Mulhern asked Mr. Antonelli to go on with the report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
 - Request of Art in the Park to allow a piece of Artwork to remain within the Park until June 30, 2018
 - Mr. Antonelli tabled this item as there was nobody at the meeting to represent this.
 - Request of Mass Brewers Guild for an event and proposal to serve alcohol on Worcester Common
 - Mr. Antonelli asked the commission to allow them to speak in reference to their event; he also added that as a standard protocol cards were mailed out to a 1000' radius from the Common announcing this event and the meeting.
 - Katie Stinchon the Executive Director of the Mass Brewers Guild explained that this fundraiser is for the purposes of promoting craft brewing and protecting the interests of craft brewers in Massachusetts. They are expecting around 3000 attendees to have a great safe day.
 - Mr. Antonelli requested approval on the request and the details of design will be worked out.
 - Ms. Mulhern asked if there was a rain date.
 - She stated it was rain or shine.
 - Mr. Cashman asked what the price was per ticket.
 - Ms. Stinchon said it was \$45.00 per ticket.
 - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve the event. Second by Mr. Wally. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
 - Approval of a revised Policy & Procedure for Facility Reservation for Beaches
 - Mr. Antonelli went on to the revised Policy & Procedure he stated that the changes made were based on Christian's Law given to the Commission in the previous meeting. Christian's Law requires any organization that brings children to beaches, pools to provide lifejackets for such kids.
 - Mr. Wally made a motion to accept the changes. Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

- Grant Applications –
 - TD Green Streets Grant - Awarded
 - National Fish & Wild Life – Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park - Filed
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Playgrounds Awarded
- Economic Development Initiatives – NA
- Cultural Events-
 - Update on Upcoming Events & Activities
- 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 – Update
 - Betty Price Playground – Starting construction late Spring
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – Under construction moving forward
 - Blithwood Park – NA
 - Boynton Park – NA
 - Burncoat Park – NA
 - Burncoat Playground – NA
 - Cascades Park – NA
 - Castle Park – Update
 - Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
 - Coes Knife Park
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground – Close to completion
 - Coes Pond – Naming of Benienda Beach
 - Columbus Park – NA
 - Cookson Park – NA
 - Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
 - Crompton Park – NA
 - Dodge Park – NA
 - Elm Park
 - Newton Hill – Waiting on new building
 - Fairmont Park – NA
 - Farber Field – NA
 - Grant Square – NA
 - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
 - Green Hill Park Renovation
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens – still working on community gardens
 - Greenwood Park – NA
 - Hadwen Park – NA
 - Harrington Field – NA
 - Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
 - Holland Rink - NA
 - Holmes Field – Bid has been awarded
 - Indian Hill Park – NA

- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park
 - Walkway Design - Completed
 - Salisbury Pond – Completed bench mark study
 - Mr. Wally asked if the Fire Fighters Memorial that being planned to go up would affect this in any way.
 - Mr. Antonelli stated that the Memorial will be closer to the Fire Department building.
- 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 – Out to bid
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – Master Plan @ City Council
- Shore Park – Under construction but a little behind
 - Ms. Mulhern asked about an event she had seen was going to be held there in July.
 - Mr. Antonelli informed that the event had been rescheduled to August.
- 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 pick away at action items
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Everything has been installed
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – Master Plan @ City Council
 - Mr. Antonelli said that Beaver Brook’s bid has been awarded, and Vernon Hill is under construction
- Rectangular Field Development – Master Plan @ City Council
- Park Monument Review - NA
- Misc items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean
 - NA
 - City Council Orders
 - Removal of dead trees on Eunice Ave
 - Petitions –
 - Removal of trees from 1105 Pleasant Street
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day

- Budget – Operational & Capital
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Budget is in.
 - Capital Improvement program – Hoping it goes to council next week
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
 - City Auditor Communications - NA
- Summer Youth Employment Program – In the process of recruiting approximately 120 hires
- Aquatics
 - Christian’s Law – See New Policy Above
- Recreation Worcester - NA
- Holiday Tree – Donation - NA
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - NA
- Waterfowl in Park – NA
- Out-to-Lunch – See Above
- Trash – NA
- ESCo – NA
- Park Permits –
 - See Above
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
- Misc Information –
 - Article on Yoga in the Park
 - Article on Coes Pond Beach
 - Article on Memorial Day Events
 - Article on Animal Performances
 - Article on Worcester Mounted Police
 - Article on Events on the Common
 - Article on Food Truck Festival on the Common
 - Article on Art in the Park – Elm Park
 - Article on Billings Square Monument Crash
 - Article on Pond & Lake Management
 - Article on City Budget
 - Letter to the Editor – Public Restrooms –
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that the standard policy is restrooms are not open unless there is staff to avoid vandalism.
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
- Mr. Cashman asked for an update on the softball leagues at Beaver Brook.
- Mr. Antonelli explained that there have been a couple of complaints so the Parks Division is working close with the Worcester Police Department and now there is a police presence there.
- Ms. Mulhern asked how it was going on Social Media.
- Mr. Antonelli stated that it was going good there is a new person at the Managers office that will be working with the Parks Division on that.
- Golf Course:
 - Article on Green Hill Park Driving Range – Looking to finalize Spring of 2018
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Chacharone made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Wally. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: June 29, 2017 – 6:30 PM