



**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 29, 2018 – 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Nick Chacharone  
Meg Mulhern  
George Sedares  
Lawrence Sullivan

**Administration Present:**

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr. CPRP  
Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Ms. Mulhern called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

- Ms. Mulhern went on to the acceptance of minutes. Mr. Sedares made a motion to accept the minutes for February 15, 2018. Second by Mr. Sullivan. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- Ms. Mulhern went on to the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
  - Spring 2018 Permits – Field Availability – Fields will open April 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the weather and the condition of the fields.
  - Proposals to Serve Alcohol on Worcester Common
    - Brew Fest & Preservation Worcester (April 28, 2018)
      - A representative of Gray Matter Marketing spoke on behalf of the event he explained that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year having this event and it's been a success every year, it's a 5K that ends in a Festival at the Common, they would like to serve alcohol as part of this event.
      - Ms. Mulhern asked if there were any concerns with administration.
      - Mr. Antonelli said he had no concerns with this event.
      - A motion was made by Mr. Chacharone to approve Brew Fest/Preservation Worcester to serve alcohol at the Common as part of their event on April 28, 2018. Second by Mr. Sedares. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
    - Cy Global & Young Entrepreneurs for New Beats & Barbecue (July 21, 2018)
      - Cyrus from Cy Global spoke to request approval to serve alcohol at the Common the he is working along with Young Entrepreneurs which is a non-profit organization that teaches youth how to start businesses through hands on experience, they have been in business for the past 20 years and they are located in Boston and they partner with Boston Housing Authority.
      - Ms. Mulhern asked if there were any questions or concerns, there weren't any.
      - A motion was made by Mr. Sedares to approve Cy Global/Young Entrepreneurs to serve alcohol at the Common as part of their event on July 21, 2018. Second by Mr. Sullivan. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
  - Grant Applications –
    - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price - Awarded
    - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park - Filed

- PARC & LAND Grant Program – Playgrounds - Awarded
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – South Worcester Playground - Awarded
- Economic Development Initiatives – NA
- Cultural Events- NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations –
  - \$420.00 from Skyhawks Sports Academy
  - \$102.00 from Silver Fox & Fox Tours
  - Request for a bench at Elm Park
    - A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan to accept the application for Memorial Bench request. Second by Mr. Sedares. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- 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 – Will restart construction soon
  - Blackstone Gateway Park – Will restart construction soon
  - Blithwood Park – NA
  - Boynton Park – NA
  - Burncoat Park – NA
  - Burncoat Playground – NA
  - Cascades Park – NA
  - Castle Park - NA
  - Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
  - Coes Park (Knife)
    - Stearns Tavern – Still doing work
    - 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 – Work continues
  - Fairmont Park – NA
  - Farber Field – Moving forward
  - Grant Square – Moving forward
  - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
  - Green Hill Park Renovation
    - Green Hill Farm
    - Community Gardens
    - WWI – Opening bids
  - Greenwood Park – NA
  - Hadwen Park – NA
  - Harrington Field – NA
  - Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) – Initial design going out to bid
  - Holland Rink - NA
  - Holmes Field – Under construction
  - Indian Hill Park – NA

- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update
  - Walkway Design – Going out to bid
  - Salisbury Pond
- 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 – Final stages of construction
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – Grand Opening Celebration June 27, 2018
- 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 work on items
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-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 –
  - Request to limit fertilizer & nutrient run off into Indian Lake
  - Request Assistant Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to attend an April 5, 2018 meeting about the basketball courts located off Hawley St & Piedmont St.
  - Request a review of the structural integrity of the stone wall on Highland Street
  - Beaver Brook – Mann Street Parking Lot
- Petitions –
  - Tree Inspection @ 22 Northboro Street
  - Heart Mosaic for the Common
- Forestry Operations – NA
  - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
  - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
  - Arbor Day April 27, 2018
- Budget – Operational & Capital
  - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – In development

- Capital Improvement Program – Purchased almost \$800,000 in Capital Equipment
  - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
  - City Auditor Communications - NA
- Summer Youth Employment Program – Begun to advertise for maintenance
- Aquatics – Will advertise sometime in May and will open pool and beaches on July 1, 2018
  - 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 –
  - See Above
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
- Misc Information –
  - Article on Tacoma & Great Brook Valley Master Plans
  - Article on Dog Leash Regs for Mass Wildlife Land
  - Article on Early Voting – Mr. Antonelli informed the Parks Commission board that the Parks division is in charge of setting up for all voting locations as well as taking everything away and storing all voting equipment, he added that this article is a reminder that the Parks Division doesn’t just do Parks and Recreation that there are many different duties.
  - Article on the Health of Worcester’s Lakes & Ponds
  - Article on Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park
- City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee - March 27, 2018
- Casey Starr from Main South CDC went in front of the Parks Commission she passed around a picture of some painting and she wanted to present/request approval to do some painting at the University Park Playground. She went on to say that the playground was painted last year but it was not painted with good paint so it doesn’t last. She said has been in communication with Main Idea which is a non-profit arts camp in Main South and she has been in communication with professional artist and with Pow Wow to come up with a community event during art week which is the first week of May and due like a community mural. It would be the type of paint that would last and a professional artist came up with a geometric shape with some bright color that will have lines that can be made easily and that youth can make them to try to add some beautification to this area.
- Mr. Antonelli said that Casey and the Parks & Recreation Division have been discussing this item for some time and Mr. Antonelli explained that the Parks Division is ok with it. It does not require Parks Commission approval but they wanted to inform the Commission of the project and bring pictures of before and after.
- Ms. Lou Ann Branch a resident of Woodman Road in Worcester spoke in reference to the importance of trees.
- Golf Course: NA
- Golf Course Donations: - NA
- Mr. Sedares made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: April 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM