



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 – January 21, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting
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Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman

Nick Chacharone

Julie Ann Lamacchia

Bowen Lee

Natalie Turner

Administration Present:

Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator

Milagros Pacheco, Senior Accountant

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Chair Mr. Chacharone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. He went on to the acceptance of the minutes for December 17, 2020.
- Mr. Lee made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0 (This vote was unanimous. Ms. Turner was abstained from voting for the minutes as she was not present at the December 17, 2020 meeting)
- Mr. Chacharone asked Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator to introduce the new Parks Commission Member Ms. Natalie Turner.
- Mr. Tomaino welcomed Ms. Natalie Turner as the New Parks Commissioner.
 - Ms. Turner introduced herself and stated how excited she was to be on the Commission.
- Mr. Chacharone turned the meeting over to Mr. Jeffrey Tomaino for the first item on the Assistant Commissioners report:
 - Request to have a plaque placed in Elm Park for Tim Cooney

- Mr. Jake Cooney spoke in reference to placing a plaque at Elm Park in honor of his father former City Councilor and City Mayor Timothy J. Cooney, Jr. Jake Cooney gave a brief history of his father and spoke of the devotion and love Tim Cooney has for The City of Worcester. He also gave a presentation of 3 preferred locations to place the plaque on a stone at Elm Park. (Wording of the plaque will be agreed upon by Parks Administration and Cooney Family).
 - City Councilor Matthew Wally was present at the meeting and he spoke in favor of honoring Timothy Cooney with the placement of the plaque. He reminisced on fond memories he had of growing up in the same neighborhood as Tim Cooney and the way he showed the love for his neighbors as well as the City of Worcester.
 - The Parks Commission had a few questions regarding location of the plaque within Elm Park and on what – the presentation showed the locations and a sample of a plaque on a big rock.
 - Motion was made by Ms. Lamacchia. Second by Mr. Lee. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
- Update on new Parks & Recreation Commission Member
- Update on new Conservation Commission Member
- 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 - Update
- 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 –
 - Memo to the City Council

- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park –
 - Memo to the City Council
- 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) –
 - Memo to the City Council
- 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 –
 - Memo to the City Council
- Misc. items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean –
 - July 2020 – December 2021 Update
 - City Council Orders –
 - Rogers Kennedy Memorial
 - Foley Stadium
 - Bancroft Tower
 - Elm Park
 - BMX/Motorcross Track
 - Parks around Worcester Housing Authority properties
 - Duffy Field Camera Install
 - Beaver Brook Park
 - Military Discount
 - Reorganization of GAR, Lincoln Square and AUD Boards
 - Hillside Beach
 - Petitions – NA
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – May 1, 2021
 - 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 – NA
 - 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 –
- See Above
 - Access/ ADA – NA
 - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
 - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
 - Veterans Memorials - NA
 - Misc. Information –
- Drought Update

- Green Worcester Plan Update
- Article on Hillside Beach & Duffy Field
- Article on Hillside Beach
- Article on Conservation Land
- Article on Festival of Lights
- Article on Doherty High School
- Golf Course:
- Memo to the City Council
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Cashman made a motion to adjourn. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5-0. Meeting ended at 7:40 PM

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