



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 – April 15, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting
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Commissioners Present:

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

Administration Present:

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:

- Vice Chair Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM. There were no minutes available for approval. Mr. Goldstein turned the meeting over to Mr. Tomaino for the Assistant Commissioners Report.
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the 1st item on the Assistant Commissioners Report:
 - A Request of the Worcester County Poetry Association request to install poetry in or around Parks.
 - Ms. Elizabeth Bacon spoke on behalf of the Worcester County Poetry Association. Ms. Bacon stated that she is on the board of the Worcester County Poetry Association and it is their 50th anniversary and one of the members had an idea to celebrate by stenciling

poems with something called rain paint at the bus stops around the city. There will be 2 in each district and this paint you can't see it unless it rains. It would be poems from the Worcester County Poetry Association poets and in July once they have chosen the poets they will stencil the poems in about a foot and half square which can only be seen when it rains and they will last from 2 to 3 months.

- Mr. Goldstein asked if this request was coming to the Parks Commission because the bus stops are on Park property.
- Ms. Bacon said she sent Mr. Antonelli the maps of the places where it's going to go.
- Mr. Goldstein agreed that he had received those.
- Mr. Tomaino stated that he had to opportunity to review the maps and after a discussion with Mr. Antonelli there are no concerns and they are looking for the Parks Commission to vote on it.
- Ms. Dube made a motion to approve. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
- 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
 - DCR Grant – Tree Planting - Awarded
- 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 –
 - Duffy Field Parking
 - Dirt Bikes
 - Seasonal Help
 - Worcester Tennis Club – Becker College
 - Blackstone Visitor Center
 - Lighting in Parks
 - Ms. Turner had a question about the ordinance regarding Becker College.
 - Mr. Tomaino that there might be some interest in that property.
 - There was a question by a meeting attendee Mr. Hazelton in regards to safety and public lighting.
 - Mr. Tomaino stated that this was a City Council order where the Council is asking the City Manager to do research on how lighting affects safety in parks. He added that many parks that are getting upgraded include lighting as part of one of the phases of construction and that lighting helps improve safety and it also helps Police with patrolling.
 - There were various comments and questions regarding Duffy Field. Mr. Tomaino informed them that this City Council order was just informational and that this meeting would not be voting or determining anything to do with Duffy Field.
 - Mr. Goldstein informed that there is still another sub-committee meeting on that and the council order was just informational and nothing has come in front of the Parks Commission yet. Any additional questions or concerns should be emailed to parks@worcesterma.gov
 - Petitions –
 - Duffy Field
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – April 30, 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 – Now hiring for 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 –
- Street Sweeping Memo to the City Council
 - Article on Duffy Field

- Article on Bell Pond
- Article on Doherty High School
- Article on Dirt Bikes
- Article on the Opening of Sports Fields
- Article on Columbus Park
- Golf Course:
 - NA
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- New Business:
 - Ms. Turner requested the parks commission look into parking on Mayfield and Parker. The streets were blocked off so people park on the street, and in the parking lot for Big Y to access the fields at Beaver Brook so it's a dangerous situation.
 - Mr. Tomaino stated that for streets they would have to call the Police Department or Streets Division because the parks department does not close streets or manage streets.
- Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn. Second by Ms. Dube. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5-0. Meeting ended at 7:16 PM

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