



# THE CITY OF WORCESTER

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS - PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION

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### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

#### **In Person MEETING**

Thursday June 24, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Skyline Drive Worcester, MA 01605

#### **Commissioners Present:**

Scott Cashman

Mary Ann Dube

Julie Ann Lamacchia

Bowen Lee

Natalie Turner

Erin Zamarro

#### **Administration Present:**

Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator

Milagros Pacheco, Sr. Accountant

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#### **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 6:35 PM.
- There were no minutes or Committee Reports so Mr. Cashman moved on to the Assistant Commissioner's report given by Mr. Jeffrey Tomaino.
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first item on the Agenda and asked Ms. Casey Starr to present the Math Talk Project intended for University Park.
  - Request of the Main South CDC for a MathTalk Project at University Park
    - Ms. Casey Starr gave a presentation on the MathTalk Project. She explained that MathTalk is a nationwide organization and there's currently a very successful MathTalk project in Cambridge, MA, Chicago and throughout the United States. The intention is to provide the opportunity for young children to engage in Math while playing. It helps small children start getting ready for school. Worcester Family partnership is a strong partnership in this effort, as well as Pow Wow Worcester.

- There were questions from the Parks Commission regarding:
  - (1) Having signage in different languages
  - (2) Starting date
  - (3) How many children can be serviced at one time
  - (4) Will this program be extended to other parks
  - (5) Funding
  - (6) Maintenance
- Ms. Dube made a motion to approve with the condition that signage be worked out with the Parks Division. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved. 6 – 0.
- Request from the Food Truck Festival of America to serve alcohol on the Worcester Common
  - Anthony Pepe spoke on behalf of the Food Truck Festival he explained that the company was started on 2011 he had been working for the company for the last 3 years, and he just recently bought it out. He added that his goal is to have a family fun and safe event. He stated they have never had any problems/issues. They are looking to have 20 – 25 food trucks supporting local businesses. They will have sanitizers for everyone. They partner with a non-profit organization so a portion of the profit goes to the non-profit. They are looking for approval to serve alcohol, they will get a license from the License Commission.
  - The Parks Commission had a question regarding tents.
  - Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the event with the understanding that they get a liquor license. Second by Mr. Lee. All were in favor. Motion was approved. 6 – 0.
- Request of Geoffrey Killebrew to have an Fam Jam event at Elm Park for an Art & Music Showcase
  - Geoffrey Killebrew spoke on behalf of the Fam Jam explained that it was a family event, with music, food and games for children. Mr. Killebrew also switched the date to September 25, 2021.
  - The Parks Commission had a question about restrooms at Elm Park.
  - Mr. Lee made a motion to accept. Second by Ms. Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
- Request of Geoffrey Killebrew to have an event at Elm Park for Eden’s Slime Sundaes
  - Mr. Killebrew explained that this is a project he started with his daughter. They make slime in the park and give rides on power wheel cars for a fee around the swings and play area.
  - The Parks Commission had questions regarding:
    - (1) What is slime?
    - (2) What are the dates and times for this?
    - (3) How will the 2 week trial work?
    - (4) Will there be any other permits he would need?
    - (5) Why is there only 1 vendor permit per park?
    - (6) Who does he have for staff other than self?
    - (7) Where does he store his equipment? Tents/toys etc.
    - (8) Are the cars in a track?
    - (9) Is this the second time and were there any issues before?
    - (10) Is this a liability issue for the City?
    - (11) Are they motorized?
    - (12) Would like clarification on vendor permits.
  - Mr. Cashman asked Mr. Tomaino if the Parks Division was on board with this.
  - Mr. Tomaino explained there had been a couple of complaints that came in the office in reference to the fees he was charging, therefore he would have to go in front of the Commission to get approved for a two week trial period and if no other complaints rise up he can get another two weeks or longer.
  - Ms. Dube made a motion to accept with the two week contingency. Second by Mr. Lee. Motion was approved 5 – 1.
- 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 – Awarded
  - Commonwealth of Massachusetts VVM Grant

- Economic Development Initiatives –
  - NA
- Cultural Events-
  - NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti –
  - NA
- Donations –
  - Donation from Worcester Senior Softball for Logan Field
- 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 –
    - Ribbon Cutting Friday June 25, 2021 @ 3:30 PM
  - 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 –
    - Ribbon Cutting Wednesday June 30, 2021 @ 3:00 PM
  - 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) –
  - City Council item from May 25, 2021
- 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 –
    - East Park Signage
    - Newton Square Rotary
    - Elm Park Tree Planting
    - Indian Lake
    - Pond Signage
    - Indian Lake Master Plan
    - Indian Lake Enforcement
    - Boating License
    - WPD Patrol Boat
    - Park Capital Projects
    - Indian Lake
  - Petitions –
    - Community Preservation Act
  - 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 – Update
    - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
    - City Auditor Communications
  - 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 –
  - Memorial Day Celebration
  - Memo to the City Council on the Community Preservation Act from May 25, 2021
  - Memo to the City Council on Jet Skis on Indian Lake
  - Article on Statue Renovations
  - Article on Crompton Park
  - Article Swimming Locations
  - Article on Lifeguard Shortage
  - Article on Duffy Field
  - Article on City Council orders on Indian Lake
  - Article on Lake Quinsigamond Task Force
  - Article on Polar Park
  - Article on Tree Removal
  - Article on Worcester Green Corps
  - Article on Lincoln Square
  - Article on FY 22 Budget
  - Article on Sidewalks
  - Article on Seasonal Staffing
  - Article on Urban Gardening
- Golf Course:
  - NA
- Golf Course Donations:
  - NA
- Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Turner. Second by Ms. Dube. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0. Meeting was adjourned.

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