



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, February 25, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Nick Chacharone
Eric Goldstein
John Lauring
Meg Mulhern
Lawrence Sullivan

Administration Present:

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

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairman Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

- Mr. Goldstein proceeded with the acceptance of the minutes for December 10, 2015 & January 28, 2016. He asked if everyone was ok with the minutes or if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions.
 - Mr. Antonelli stated for the record that the minutes for January 28, 2016 noted that the meeting originally scheduled for January 7, 2016 was cancelled due to not having a quorum; therefore there weren't any meeting minutes for it.
 - Ms. Mulhern made a motion to approve the minutes, Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
- Mr. Goldstein moved to the Assistant Commissioners Report.
- Mr. Antonelli went on with his report the first item on his agenda was:
 - Policy & Procedure Revisions - Permit Priority Tiers minor changes
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that there were a few changes to add Rugby and Youth Rugby
 - Ms. Mulhern made a motion to accept changes, Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
 - Preservation Worcester in cooperation with Gray Matter Marketing to allow alcohol on Worcester Common for a 5K road race followed by a beer festival with samplings of beer.
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that Preservation Worcester/Gray Matter Marketing has already had this event at the Common with the alcohol component and they are coming back for approval for this year. Mr. Antonelli asked for the Commission to allow them to speak.
 - John a representative from Gray Matter Marketing he explained that between WPD, their security and Parks staff the area was secured and the event was a success, and he anticipates the same for this year.
 - Mr. Antonelli stated that it was a great event, and everything went well.
 - Mr. Chacharone asked what the link was between Preservation Worcester and them.
 - John stated that Preservation Worcester and Gray Matter are partners and Preservation Worcester gets some of the proceeds of the event.

- Castle Park – Master Plan @ CC
- Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
 - WWII & Civil War
- Coes Knife Park – Update
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
- Coes Pond – NA
- Columbus Park – NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – Under construction
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park – NA
 - Task Force
 - Bridge
 - Newton Hill
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation
 - Green Hill Farm – Under construction restroom building and two storage buildings.
 - Green Hill Park Pavillion – Awarded Re-roofing of the Pavillion
- Greenwood Park – Master Plan @ CC
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (South Worcester) - Master Plan @ CC
- Holland Rink - Master Plan @ CC
- Holmes Field - Master Plan @ CC
- Indian Hill Park – Update
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park
 - Restroom Facility & Gazebo – Gazebo is up and roof is done
 - Salisbury Pond
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake Park State (possible Synthetic Field) - NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field - Master Plan Update @ CC
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – Master Plan
- 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 – NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – Master Plan Update
 - Mr. Antonelli stated that there 4 types of dog park changes that have been identified such as:
 - Changing the ordinance to allow dogs into some parks
 - The concept of open range, so areas of parks that are wide open for use during certain times
 - The concept of Dog runs, smaller areas but large enough for dogs to be able to run back and forth
 - And the larger 2 – 3 acre dog park
 - There will be more public meetings in April, still working on recommendations.
- Rectangular Field Development – Master Plan Update
 - Public meetings will come soon, finalizing recommendations
- Misc. items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean –
 - November 2015 & December 2015
 - City Council Orders
 - Worcester Common
 - Tenacity
 - Petitions
 - Tree Planting
 - Roller Skating
 - Forestry Operations – Update
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Budget Update – Operational & Capital -
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division
 - Capital Improvement program
 - City Five Point Financial Plan - NA
 - Summer Youth Employment Program
 - Wheels to Water – Now “Recreation Worcester” - NA
 - Holiday Tree – NA
 - Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink – Closed for the Season
 - Waterfowl in Park – NA
 - Out-to-Lunch – NA
 - Trash – NA
 - ESCo – NA
 - Park Permits – NA
 - Access/ ADA – NA
 - Mobile Concession - NA
 - Misc. Information –
 - Seasonal Events Article
 - Coes Knife
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
 - NA
- Golf Course:

- NA
- Golf Course Donations
 - NA
- Tabled Items: - Smoking in Public Parks – NA
- - Ms. Mulhern made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Sullivan. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: March 10, 2016 – 6:30 PM