



THE CITY OF WORCESTER
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PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, July 14, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Nick Chacharone
John Lauring
Meg Mulhern
George Sedares
Lawrence Sullivan
Matthew Wally

Administration Present:

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

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairwoman Ms. Mulhern called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

- Ms. Mulhern went on to the acceptance of the minutes for June 9, 2016 & June 30, 2016.
 - Ms. Mulhern asked for a change to be made on the June 9th minutes, she asked that on the second line on where it said Ms. Mulhern should read Mr. Sedares.
 - Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept minutes after the change, Seconded by Mr. Sedares. Minutes were approved 7 – 0.
- Ms. Mulhern asked Mr. Antonelli to go on with the Commissioners report:
 - Mr. Antonelli introduced the first item on the agenda as the Request from the City Manager's Office to allow Wormtown Brewery to serve alcohol on Worcester Common as part of the Worcester Local Weekend Event
 - Mr. Antonelli asked to let Mr. Che Anderson from the City Manager's Office to speak on this item.
 - Mr. Anderson explained that this was the second annual Worcester Local Weekend event. This event was tried for the first time the previous year, there was a beer garden on the plaza, food trucks, kickball games, etc. they had about 300 people and they are trying to figure out ways to get more people out there. He explained that last year because the beer had to be contained to the plaza people were not able to go grab food from the Common they would have to chug their beer to then go to the Common so it felt like two separate events, so they thought they would allow people to still grab their beer from the plaza but be able to go to the Common. The set up would be the beer tent on the plaza, 3 food trucks and 1 dessert truck on the Common and then an area where they would have a game of knocker ball which is like soccer but with a huge ball.
 - Ms. Mulhern asked if Mr. Antonelli had any issues with this event.
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that the Craftbrew event worked well and that as long as the License Commission approves them serving alcohol he did not have any issues on the Parks side.
 - Mr. Cashman asked how many people had attended last year.
 - Mr. Anderson said there were approximately 250 – 300.

- Ms. Mulhern asked if they were expecting a larger crowd this year.
 - Mr. Anderson said they were expecting 300 – 500 this year.
 - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to accept, Seconded by Mr. Sedares. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 – 0.
- Grant Applications – o Coes Knife – Awarded
 - TD Green Streets Grant - Awarded
 - National Fish & Wild Life – Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Playgrounds
 - Mass Port Authority Grant for Park Steward Program - Awarded
- Economic Development Initiatives - 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 – Update
 - Betty Price Playground – Grant Application Submitted
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – NA
 - Blithewood Park – NA
 - Boynton Park – NA
 - Burncoat Park – NA
 - Burncoat Playground – NA
 - Cascades Park – NA
 - Castle Park – Update
 - Common Master Plan Implementation
 - WWII
 - Civil War – Event July 16, 2016
 - Coes Knife Park
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
 - Coes Pond
 - Columbus Park – NA
 - Cookson Park – NA
 - Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
 - Crompton Park
 - Dodge Park – NA
 - Elm Park – Update
 - Task Force
 - Bridge
 - Newton Hill
 - Fairmont Park – NA
 - Farber Field – NA
 - Grant Square – NA
 - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
 - Green Hill Park Renovation – NA
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Greenwood Park – NA
 - Hadwen Park – NA

- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
- Indian Hill Park – Update
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update
 - Restroom Facility & Gazebo
 - 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
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – Master Plan Update
- Shore Park – Update
- 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 – Update
- 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
- Rectangular Field Development – Master Plan Update
- Misc. items:
 - Mr. Cashman asked what the cost had been on the repairs to the vandalism done to the WWII memorial he was under the impression that the copper wiring had been removed.
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that the grounding wire that was on there was not disturbed because the gentleman was caught before he was able to remove it. So there was no major issue on that end. There is a fence that will go around the bottom step and that is in production. The also adjusted the sprays of the fountain to minimize the amount of flow so when it's windy it doesn't spray too much out of the memorial. At this time it has a sensor so when the wind is over 5 miles per hour it shuts the system down.
 - Mr. Matthew Wally asked what role will the Parks Commission have relevant to any discussions about the Dog Parks.
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that the Parks Commission is the advisory committee to the Parks Commissioner, Assistant Parks Commissioner and the City Manager. Mr. Antonelli said that said

that he envisions the Parks Commission will review the changes to the dog ordinance, as well as the Master plan process. Final approval would be sought from the Parks Commission for the final master plan, however in the end the Parks Commission has no control over the ordinance, that is a City Council function and allocation of funding is also a City Council function. The Parks Commission will also set the rules and regulations for the dog parks.

- Keep Worcester Clean – NA
- City Council Orders - NA
- Petitions
 - NA
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- Forestry Operations – Update ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
- EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
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- Budget Update – Operational & Capital –
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement program – NA
 - City Five Point Financial Plan - NA
- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Recreation Worcester
- Holiday Tree – NA
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - NA
- Waterfowl in Park – NA
- Out-to-Lunch – Update
- Trash – NA
- ESCo – NA
- Park Permits – NA
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle - NA
- Misc. Information –
 - Fireworks Article
 - Peace Rally Article
 - Summer Bash Article
- City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
 - NA
- Golf Course: NA
- Golf Course Donations: - NA
 - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Sullivan. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: September 8, 2016 – 6:30 PM