



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, September 8, 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 30, 2016.
 - Ms. Mulhern asked if there were any questions or concerns about the minutes for June 30, 2016, there were none. A motion was made by Mr. Lauring to accept the minutes, Second by Mr. Sedares. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 – 0.
- Ms. Mulhern asked Mr. Antonelli to go on with the report:
- Mr. Antonelli asked to take one item out of order: The Eagle Scout project, he asked the Commission to allow Aidan Gormley to speak on behalf of the Eagle Scouts. Mr. Antonelli also stated that this did not need approval from the Parks Commission but he asked for him to come in and present his project to the Parks Commission.
 - Aidan Gormley introduced himself and he explained that he had met with Rick Miller twice in the past to discuss the project they have in mind which is to remove scrub growth along the length of the basketball court, the tennis court and the 50 foot space in between. He said they would use their own equipment such as chainsaws, hand saws, loppers, weed wackers and a pick-up truck, only the skilled adults would be using the power tools and the scouts and other volunteers would only be using rakes, shovels and some hand saws. They would rake organize fallen trees and brush, and the younger scouts would go around the park picking up trash, they are looking to have this done by Sunday October 2, 2016.
 - Ms. Mulhern thanked him for his effort in putting this volunteer effort together.
- Special Event Update- included in Commission package - item that was sent to the Council
- Request of Nancy Ortiz to speak to the Commission about handball
 - Mr. Antonelli stated that there was nobody in attendance for the second item so he would go on with the remainder of the agenda until someone from the Handball Court Association showed up.
- Grant Applications –
 - TD Green Streets Grant - Awarded
 - National Fish & Wild Life – Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant - Waiting
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price – Under review
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Playgrounds –

- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
- Indian Hill Park – Substantial Completion – punch list items need to be finalized
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – completed trying to grow grass
 - Restroom Facility & Gazebo
 - Salisbury Pond – doing a study
- 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 - Update
- 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 – coming along
- Shore Park – In process of awarding the construction of the building to Contractors Network the price on the building came in at \$787,000. the budget was about \$800, 000. that will be starting relatively soon.
- 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 – Continue to look at on a regular basis
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – **This item will not be discussed at this Meeting**
 - Youth Parks & Recreation City Council Sub Committee Meeting Thursday September 15, 2016 @ 5:30 PM
 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Thursday September 29, 2016 @ 6:30 PM
- Rectangular Field Development – Master Plan Update – additional hearings will be held
- Misc items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean – June 2016
 - City Council Orders
 - Coes Knife & Coes Street
 - Indian Lake Sediment
 - Petitions
 - Tree Planting
 - Forestry Operations – No beetles found alive in Worcester as of August 29, 2016
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)

- EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) – Expected to have this in Worcester, our Forestry Division is watching our Ash trees
 - Budget Update – Operational & Capital -
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement program – NA
 - City Five Point Financial Plan - NA
 - Summer Youth Employment Program – NA
 - Recreation Worcester - NA
 - Holiday Tree – Tentatively to be held on December 2, 2016
 - Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink – begun scheduling Fall work
 - Waterfowl in Park – NA
 - Out-to-Lunch – Completed
 - Trash – NA
 - ESCo – NA
 - Park Permits – NA
 - Access/ ADA – NA
 - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
 - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – a great reduction in damage to the public parks
 - Misc Information –
 - Latin Festival Articles
 - Civil War Memorial Articles
 - Spray Park Photo
 - WWII Memorial Article
 - Institute Park Article
 - Public Pianos Article
 - Indian Lake Article
 - Quality of Life Team Article
 - Coes Pond Article
 - Worcester Pride Article
 - Gospel Fest Article
 - University Park Article
 - Grant Square Article
 - Caribbean American Carnival Article
 - Worcester Youth Soccer Article
 - Summer Salutation Photo
 - WDP Article
 - Elm Park Article
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
 - NA
- Golf Course: Green Hill Golf Course Article
- Golf Course Donations: - NA
- Mr. Chacharone made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Lauring. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: September 29, 2016 – 6:30 PM