



**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 27, 2017 – 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Scott Cashman  
Nick Chacharone  
John Lauring  
George Sedares  
Matthew Wally

**Administration Present:**

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

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Mr. Sedares called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

- Mr. Sedares went on to the acceptance of the minutes for March 30, 2017. There were no questions or concerns: Mr. Lauring made a motion to approve the minutes for March 30, 2017, Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
- Mr. Sedares asked Mr. Antonelli to go on with the report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
  - Request of Regatta Point Community Sailing to speak to the Commission on proposed sailing program @ Coes Pond Beach
    - Mr. Lucas Marquerin, Operations Manager for Regatta Point in Worcester, he explained he has been working with DCR since 1960 providing boating operations in Quinsigamond Lake, Sailing, Kayaking, rowing, paddle boating, etc. He explained that they interested in doing a small program on Coes Pond and he is looking for what he needs to do in order to make this happen.
    - Mr. Antonelli explained that the city has reviewed their request, and there are two items that need further discussions such as storage rooms, and boat storage, which might have to go through the preservation commission. Mr. Antonelli explained that other than those 2 items, that he is ok with a trial run at Coes Pond for this year, and have them report back to the Parks Commission in September, he also asked that the Commission approve there request with the condition that the storages items will be discussed further and obtain permission for boat storage. Mr. Antonelli also requested the opinion from the Parks Commission.
    - Mr. Wally pointed out that they are looking for a 3 – 4 year commitment and he asked if after this trial run for a year, was it safe to say that if they proof themselves to be a good partner and they are successful would the City then approve the 3 – 4 year Commitment?
    - Mr. Antonelli stated that it could be looked at it at that point, however that the only hiccup is there might an RFP and bid as required by the Law Dept.
    - Mr. Rosen wanted to thank Mr. Antonelli and the Parks Department and the Commission for all the support with everything that has been going on in the Coes Pond area. Mr. Rosen expressed that they are looking forward to this partnership with Regatta Point and he believes it's going to

be a great program because this is a great area for Families and this is going to be great for the neighborhood.

- Lance McKee from the Tatnuck Brook Watershed Association voiced a little concerned about having motorized boats.
- Dale from Worcester spoke he explained that he moved in to Worcester a couple of years ago and him and his wife had always said how it would be a great idea to have this type of program around there. They are very grateful of all the work, like the new playground, the Stearns Tavern all the clean-up and they are in support of this sailing program.
- Roger Parent – Coes Zone Task Force he wanted to thank people for the support of this program and is also in support of the sailing club.
- John Reed from Worcester attended the meeting because he wanted to show his support for this program. He also wanted to commend Mr. Antonelli for his hard work.
- Mr. Lauring made a motion to approve this request as a temporary trial run for one year and have them return in the Fall. Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in Favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
- Request of Cultural Development for a Let’s Dance Program @ the Worcester Common
  - Ms. Kim Driscoll spoke she explained that this is a summer program once a month May through August the layout of the event is after hours an hour of teaching a lesson thru instructors and then a second hour is a special hour with a beer garden, live music or a DJ, and food trucks.
  - Mr. Antonelli explained that the alcoholic component is at the plaza therefore the Parks Department does not have jurisdiction of the plaza. So that is not an issue with that request.
  - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve this event. Second by Mr. Wally. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 - 0
- Request of Juneteenth Committee for an event @ Institute Park
  - Laurie Abernathy gave a description of the Juneteenth event she said this is a free family event with music and food and other fun activities for the family.
  - Mr. Wally made a motion to approve the event. Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
- National Volunteer Week
  - Mr. Antonelli stated that there was an item in the Parks Commission packages. Regarding a bunch of people that have done so much work for the City of Worcester and have donated their times and efforts to make the City better.
- Grant Applications –
  - TD Green Streets Grant - Awarded
  - National Fish & Wild Life – Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park - Filed
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Playgrounds 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 – Update
  - Betty Price Playground – Going out to bid
  - Blackstone Gateway Park – Bid and awarded project along McKeon Rd.

- Blithwood Park – NA
- Boynton Park – NA
- Burncoat Park – NA
- Burncoat Playground – NA
- Cascades Park – NA
- Castle Park – Update
- Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
- Coes Knife Park –
  - Stearns Tavern – moving along
  - Playground – moving along
- Coes Pond – Coes Reservoir Drawdown Update
- Columbus Park – NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – NA
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park –
  - Newton Hill – Awarded bid for construction of new bathroom building
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation –
  - Green Hill Farm – still working to update
  - Community Gardens
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field – Going out to bid
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update
  - Walkway Design – Continue to finalize walkway design
  - Salisbury Pond – moving forward on study
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake Park State - NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field – Completed design getting ready to bid
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – Update
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – Master Plan @ City Council
- Shore Park – under construction
- 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 push forward on many items
  - North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – Master Plan @ City Council – out to bid
- Rectangular Field Development – Master Plan @ City Council
- Park Monument Review - NA
- Misc items:
  - Keep Worcester Clean
    - NA
- City Council Orders
  - NA
- Petitions –
  - NA
- Forestry Operations –
  - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
  - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
  - Arbor Day 2017
    - April 28, 2017 @ 11:00 am Green Hill Park 31<sup>st</sup> year as a Tree City USA
- Budget – Operational & Capital - Update
  - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Coming up in a couple of weeks
  - Capital Improvement program – Working on it
  - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
  - City Auditor Communications - NA
- Summer Youth Employment Program – Hiring Lifeguards, gatekeepers and maintenance help
- Recreation Worcester - NA
- Holiday Tree – Donation - NA
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - NA
- Waterfowl in Park – NA
- Out-to-Lunch – NA
- Trash – NA
- ESCo – NA
- Park Permits –
  - See Above
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle - NA
- Misc Information –
  - Article on Stand up for Science
  - Article on Illegal Dumping
  - Article on Worcester State University Traffic Safety
  - Article on Rectangular Fields
  - Article on Working for Worcester
  - Article on Dog Parks
  - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee

- Meeting May 3, 2017 @ 5:30 PM City Hall
- Golf Course:
  - NA
- Golf Course Donations:
  - Donation from the Daughters of Walter Cosgrove
  - Donation from an Anonymous Individual
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- Mr. Laring made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: May 25, 2017 – 6:30 PM