



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, June 21, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Nick Chacharone
John Lauring
Meg Mulhern
George Sedares

Administration Present:

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

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Ms. Mulhern called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM

- Ms. Mulhern went on to the acceptance of minutes for April 12, 2018 & May 3, 2018. Minutes were tabled for the next meeting.
- Ms. Mulhern went on to the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Antonelli made a referral to the Policy Subcommittee to review the Alcoholic Beverage Policy
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
 - Request of Woodland Academy Centro Las Americas to serve alcoholic beverages at Worcester Common
 - Mr. Antonelli asked to let them speak on behalf of the event.
 - Jana spoke on behalf of the Woodland Academy event she explained that they would like to have a music festival at the Common, with music and art vendors, yoga, 6 bands and they would like to serve alcohol and all the proceeds from the event will go to Woodland Academy specifically for an adaptive program for kids.
 - A Motion was made by Mr. Chacharone to approve this event. Second by Mr. Lauring. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
 - Centro Las Americas was not present, however Mr. Antonelli explained that Centro Las Americas had opted to not sell alcohol this year but they wanted the option to be able to if they decided that they wanted. Therefore Mr. Antonelli was for approving this based on their past track record because there have never been any issues with it and within the years it has been well managed.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Lauring to approve this event. Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.
 - Request of the Friends of Newton Hill to speak to the Commission on improvements to the Disc Golf Course at Newton Hill
 - Mr. Kevin McCormack spoke on behalf of Friends to Newton Hill he requested approval to make some improvements to the existing Disc Golf Course. He went through and pointed out areas that need updating and showed the upgrade plan.
 - A neighbor of Newton Hill spoke his concerns about the Disc Golf Course.

- Mr. McCormack addressed the neighbors concern, he said in the past few years he hasn't seen any issues with the course.
 - Mr. Chacharone explained that there would be no voting at this meeting that the Friends of Newton Hill were only presenting the upgrades that they would like to do like upgrading T pads and reduce erosion with upgrades.
 - Mr. Antonelli agreed to work with Friends of Newton Hill to make upgrades and make this location better, he advised the neighbor to take pictures and be involved in upgrades and the city would look into the neighbors' concerns.
 - Mr. Rick Miller stated that he had already looked into the concerns the neighbor had and they are looking into signage but in ten years there has never been any complaints.
 - Request of the Main South CDC to speak to the Commission on an update of the community mural at University Park
 - Casey Starr spoke on behalf of the Main South CDC to give an update on the project they were working on with Woodland Academy it is a Community mural which was not installed yet but she brought pictures of the outcome. She was very excited about it and extended an invitation to the Parks Commission to come join them. She also went over all the special events they are offering free to the public, like movies in the park, concerts, Farmers Market, free soccer program, free books for children, etc. She was very grateful for the support of the Parks Division.
 - Communication on Adopt-an-Island Program
 - Communication on Integrated Resource Management Plan
 - Communication on New Commission Member
 - Communication on Make Music Day
 - Communication on Conservation Restriction
 - Communication on Canterbury Street School
 - Communication on Community Preservation Act
 - Communication on Youth Summer Activities
 - Communication on Grant Applications for Hadwen Park & Crompton Park
- Grant Applications –
 - MassPort Community Charitable Grant Program – Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price - Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park – Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park – Filed
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – South Worcester Playground Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Crompton Park – New Grant for 2 Basketball Courts
- 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 – NA
 - Betty Price Playground – Under Construction
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – Coming along
 - Blithwood Park – NA
 - Boynton Park – NA
 - Burncoat Park – NA

- Burncoat Playground – NA
- Cascades Park – NA
- Castle Park – Update
- Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
- Coes Park (Knife) – Update
 - Stearns Tavern – Moving along working on interior
 - Playground – All done
- Coes Pond – NA
- Columbus Park – NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – NA
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park – NA
 - Newton Hill – Update – Bldg. is almost done
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – Update
- Grant Square – Update
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation – Update
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens
 - WWI - started construction
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) – received bids 1.67 million under budget
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field – Under construction
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update
 - Walkway Design – Almost complete – Funded by City and Mass DOT
 - Salisbury Pond
- 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 - NA
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – Almost done
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – Grand Opening Celebration June 27, 2018 – Ribbon Cutting June 25
- 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 – Working off it
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-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 –
 - Request to review poetry project
 - Petitions –
 - Request for crosswalk & flashing Light near Coes Park
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day - NA
 - Budget – Operational & Capital - Update
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Update
 - Capital Improvement Program – Update
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
 - City Auditor Communications - NA
 - Summer Youth Employment Program – Hiring
 - Aquatics – Hiring
 - Christian’s Law – NA
 - Recreation Worcester – Scheduled to start after July 4th
 - Holiday Tree – 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 Parks
 - Article on CPA
 - Article on Elm Park Fire Alarm Building
 - Article on Lake Quinsigamond
 - Article on Notre Dame Church
 - Article on Coes Pond Fishing
 - Article on Institute Park
 - Article on Police Traffic Division

- Article on City Wide Master Plan
- Article on Memorial Day in Parks
- Article on Capital Improvement Plan
- Article on Tatnuck Square
- Article on Summer Car Show
- Article on Vernon Hill Park
- Article on Union Station
- Article on Green Hill Park WWI Memorial
- Article on Flag Day at Elm Park
- Article on Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park
- Article on Juneteenth Festival
- Article on Aquatic Facility Openings
- City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
 - Monday June 25, 2018 @ 5:30 PM
- Golf Course:
 - Update on Season Passes for Golf Course
 - Article on Golf Course
 - Article on Cosgrove Four Ball
- Golf Course Donations: - NA
- Mr. Luring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM but meeting went on until 7:30 listening to the 2nd and 3rd items on the Agenda (Disc Golf at Newton Hill & Request from Main South CDC).
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: September 6, 2018 – 6:30 PM