



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, November 15, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Eric Goldstein
John Luring
Meg Mulhern

Administration Present:

Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Ms. Mulhern called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- Ms. Mulhern went on to the acceptance of minutes for October 25, 2018
 - Mr. Luring made a motion to accept the minutes for October 25, 2018. Second by Mr. Goldstein. All were in favor. Minutes were approved 4 – 0.
- Ms. Mulhern turned the meeting to Mr. Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator for the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first item on the Assistant Commissioners report:
 - Presentation & Community Discussion on Access to Parks
 - Jeanie Lukenda & Amanda Gaal from Weston & Sampson were present, as well as Mr. Bob O'Connor, Forest and Land Policy Director & Melissa Cryan, Grant Programs Supervisor from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. Ms. Lukenda gave the presentation, with some assistance from Amanda Gaal on Access to Parks. (Presentation attached)
 - Mr. Goldstein asked if there was intention of a bigger audience because there were not many people present.
 - Ms. Lukenda explained that there were outreach efforts made but because of the weather the attendance was hampered.
 - Mr. Cashman felt the location was not the proper venue as there is no public transportation that goes up to the building.
 - Ms. Lukenda explained that Mr. Antonelli felt this was the place to start.
 - Mr. Cashman agreed with that but thought maybe some more outreach should be done.
 - Ms. Mulhern felt like there were neighborhood groups that were not in attendance that should have been there seen as in the past they have positively worked along with the Parks Division and the Parks Commission on special projects to benefit the parks.
 - Ms. Lukenda said they will reach out to other neighborhood groups.

- Mr. Luring suggested having the meetings in different district community buildings.
 - Mr. Goldstein also suggested the City Council so they can go by district.
- Grant Applications –
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park – Awarded
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 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – South Worcester Playground - Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Crompton Park – Filed
- 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 – Update
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – Update
 - Blithwood Park – Update
 - Boynton Park – NA
 - Burncoat Park – NA
 - Burncoat Playground – NA
 - Cascades Park – NA
 - Castle Park – NA
 - Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
 - Coes Park (Knife) – Update
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
 - Coes Pond – NA
 - Columbus Park – NA
 - Cookson Park – NA
 - Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – Update
 - Crompton Park – NA
 - Dodge Park – NA
 - Elm Park – NA
 - Newton Hill - NA
 - Fairmont Park – NA
 - Farber Field – Update
 - Grant Square – NA
 - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
 - Green Hill Park Renovation – Update
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens

- WWI
 - Greenwood Park – NA
 - Hadwen Park – Update
 - Harrington Field – NA
 - Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - Update
 - Holland Rink - NA
 - Holmes Field - Update
 - Indian Hill Park – NA
 - Indian Lake Beach – NA
 - Institute Park – Update
 - Walkway Design
 - 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 - Update
 - Oakland Heights Playground – NA
 - Providence Street Playground – Update
 - Ramshorn Island – NA
 - Rockwood Field – NA
 - Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
 - Shale Street Playground – NA
 - 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 – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – NA
- Misc. items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean –
 - NA
 - City Council Orders –

- Superintendent of Buildings
 - Linear Park
- Petitions –
 - NA
- 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 – NA
- Aquatics – NA
 - Christian’s Law – NA
- Recreation Worcester - NA
- Holiday Tree – November 30, 2018
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - NA
- Waterfowl in Park – NA
- Out-to-Lunch – NA
- Trash – NA
- ESCo – NA
- Park Permits –
 - NA
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
- Misc Information –
 - Article on Stearns Tavern
 - Article on \$4.3M in Free Cash
 - Article on Canterbury Street School
 - Article on Vernon Hill
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
- NA
- Golf Course:
 - Golf Fees & Policies (See Above)
 - Golf Driving Range policy & Fees changes
- Golf Course Donations: -
 - NA
- Mr. Luring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: December 20 2018 – 6:30 PM