

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2015

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th, 2015 at their office located at 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Marrow. Present were Commissioners Chickie Studenski, Bill Keane, Chris Connolly, Billy Anderson and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.

Present: Jose Lobo and Manuel Almeida representing South Shore United Blazers Soccer Club; Herminio Furtado and Mondcave Sousa representing New England Lusa Soccer Club, Francena Brown representing Free Captive Ministry, Peg Kearney and Borite Silvia representing Brockton Garden Club; and Stephen Pelland of Brockton, MA.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to accept the minutes of the April 9th, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

A presentation and discussion was held by the Brockton Garden Club for an improvement project at the triangle location in DW Field Park. The project would be maintained and financed by the Brockton Garden Club. The Brockton Garden Club would also like to donate three memorial benches for DW Field Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to grant permission to the Brockton Garden Club for their improvement project at the triangle location in DW Field Park. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the donation from the Brockton Garden Club of three memorial benches for DW Field Park. Motion Carried.

A presentation was made by the Stephen Pelland of Troop 17 for his Eagle Scout project. He was asking for permission to beautify the flower beds, shrubs, repair benches and around the flagpole at DW Field Golf Course.

A motion was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Keane to grant permission to Stephen Pelland for his Eagle Scout project improvements at DW Field Golf Course. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to change the season golf rate of a Non Resident Senior from \$1150 to \$1050. Motion carried

A discussion was held pertaining to permits issued at Hillstrom Farm Park. The Park Commission invited representatives both South Shore United Blazers and New England Luso Soccer Clubs. Jose Lobo and Manuel Almeida represented South Shore United Blazers Soccer Club; Herminio Furtado and Mondcave Sousa represented New England Lusa Soccer Club. All representatives spoke about on-going issues arising from incidences between their soccer clubs at Hillstrom Farm Park. Due to the behaviors by both soccer clubs, the Park Commission found that revisions were needed to their current permits and recommended the following changes:

- New England Lusa's Saturday Permit at Hillstrom Farm Park would be moved to Snow Park. Their permitted hours changed from 2 pm to 4 pm to 2 pm to Dark ending June 23rd, 2015.
- South Shore United Blazer's Tuesday and Thursday Permit at Hillstrom Farm Park would be moved to East Middle/Junior High until August 1st, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to accept the recommendations and revisions pertaining to New England Luso and South Shore United Blazers permits at Hillstrom Farm Park. Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson asked for an apology to the Park Commission and their Head Clerk from Herminio Furtado for racist accusations that he had communicated to her in the presence of Commissioner Anderson on April 17th, 2015 at their office. Mr. Furtado denied he made such accusations, but did eventually apologize for his outburst on that day.

A recess was granted at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 p.m.

A presentation was made by Francena Brown of Free Captive Ministry for permission to have a church event at O'Donnell Playground complete with a Children's Bouncy House. Superintendent Carpenter explained that there was no issue with granting their request, but he needed to seek a law office opinion for the City's liability and precedent pertaining to the bouncy house.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keane and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to table this request until a Legal Opinion can be obtained. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the condition of D.W. Field Golf Course. Superintendent Carpenter reported that the Golf Course opened on Monday, April 13, 2015. April's revenues was \$49,121 compared to \$60,130 last April. He was pleased considering the late start of April 13th. The first half of May's revenues is \$40,542 compared to \$30,172 same time last year. He reported that the City forecast that FY15 was going to be \$600,000 in revenue. At this time, the Golf Course's revenue is \$543,303. He is expecting to make the mark by the end of May.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that field preparation has started and all infields have been done. Due to safety concerns at Edgar's Playground, Brockton High School JV has moved their practices and games to EB Keith. Post 35 moved their games to Campanelli Stadium, but continue to have their practices at Edgars.

A discussion was held on the request permitting the Brockton Raiders use of Tukis Playground one night a week to the end of September and another request of issuing a permit to the Brockton Dynamics. Both of these organizations had issues in the past.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks