

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 2016

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12th, 2016 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Keane. Present were Commissioners Chickie Studenski, Billy Anderson, Ulisses Varela, Stephen Pina and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.

The following attended: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
Brett Gormley, Brockton, MA
Bernadette Deleon-Rees, Middleboro, MA
Robert Golka, Brockton, MA

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the March 10th, March 30th and April 27th, 2016 meetings collectively. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to Brockton Youth Softball seeking permission to name Field #1 of the Raymond School Facility in honor of Thomas Ross. Mr. Gormley and Ms. Deleon-Rees discussed the background history and their reasoning to honor Mr. Ross.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina to grant permission to Brockton Youth Softball to name Field #1 of the Raymond School Facility "Thomas Ross Field". Motion Carried

A discussion was held pertaining to Brockton Fire Department Tournament, which no person appeared on their behalf. Councilor Studenski and Councilor Pina both voiced their agreement for the quoted fee of \$45 per person for this tournament.

A discussion was held pertaining to naming of the park at the Ralsco Site. Mr. Golka presented his exhibits and his opinion that the park should be called "UFO Park".

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Varela to TABLE the discussion pertaining to the naming of the park at the Ralsco Site until the June 9th meeting. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to the acceptance of State Funds for McKinley Park Improvement in the amount of \$35,000. Superintendent Carpenter explained to the Commission that these funds must be accepted by the Park Commission, for it to be approved by City Council. The funds would replace the existing basketball court. This is a onetime grant with no matching city funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to accept the state funds for McKinley Park Improvement in the amount of \$35,000. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to the review of prices, schedule and calendar for DW Field Golf Course. Mayor Carpenter asked the Park Commission to review the prices pertaining to Friday's Green fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Varela to TABLE the discussion pertaining to review of prices, schedule and calendar for DW Field Golf Course pending additional information. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the conditions of DW Field Golf Course. He stated that aeroration was delayed by a week due to weather, but it was completed using 70 tons of sand. He stated that he would be ending the relationship with "Golf 18" approximately May 22nd. The Golf Pro had made arrangements to take over the social media aspect. There has been the first of Veterans events at the golf course and additional events are planned for the last Saturday of each month. There are now three confirmed leagues.

As for the revenues generated at the Golf Course, Superintendent Carpenter reported March's revenues were \$41,076 with a loss of 10 days. The fifteen year average was \$68,826 due to a lot of early permit sales. April's revenues were \$73,402, which 6 days were lost to weather. Last April's revenues were \$49,121 with 12 days lost. The seventeen year average is \$119,781.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission that the Park Department employees are in maintenance mode including road repair at DW Field Park. He updated the Commission on the Ralsco Site.

Commissioner Varela inquired about the use of the DW Field Park outside restrooms and for a future plan of upgrading the outside restrooms for public use.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks