

MINUTES  
PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2016

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th, 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 Commissioner Billy Anderson, Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Commissioner Stephen Pina and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Commissioner Chickie Studenski being absent.

The following attended: Debra Garland  
Lynn Smith  
Jacob Tagger  
Jeanne Holmes-Kireilir  
Councilor Shirley Asack – Ward Seven  
Councilor Anne Beauregard – Ward Five

*Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the July 14th, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.*

A discussion was held pertaining to the proposed plans for development of Walkers Playground. Ms. Garland presented to the Park Commission a petition of neighbors against the preliminary plan submitted with the grant application. Mr. Tagger spoke about the present condition of the Basketball Court and stated his opinion of repairing instead of getting rid of the current facilities. Ms. Smith spoke about PARC grants and having an asset based community system by using the model of Keith Park for Walkers. Councilor Asack reported to the Commission that all surrounding neighbors have been notified about the plans about the past public meeting for the project as Superintendent Carpenter explained that the plan which was submitted is a preliminary design which can be modified accordingly. Councilor Beauregard voiced her opinion about grant writing.

Superintendent Carpenter presented to the Park Commission the request of an Eagle Scout Project from Christian Lopes to replace markers and rope stakes at the Golf Course and assemble benches for the Garden Club.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the Eagle Scout Project from Christian Lopes. Motion carried.*

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the conditions and revenues of DW Field Golf Course. He stated that July's revenues were \$138,672 which is the highest July in 17 years whereas last July's was \$135,966. The seventeen year average for July was \$114,900. The Year to Date revenues are \$518,280 whereas last year's (up to July, 2015) was \$426,993, an increase of \$91,287. Green Fee Rounds are up from 11,048 to 12,152. He stated that due to the water levels, they are only watering tees and greens. Ninth, Eleventh and Fourteen greens may have "wet wilt". Cutting down trees in that area is the only long term solution. Aereration is scheduled to start on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The contract for the Cart Fence is still in the Law Department and new carts will be ordered in the upcoming months.

Superintendent Carpenter presented a request by the Brockton Rox to borrow two to four golf carts for an event. The Commission did not agree to the request.

As for the Parks, Superintendent Carpenter reported that there are on-going issues with the organization that has permitted Parmenters Park on the weekends. It has been agreed that the organization will be notified to appear before the Park Commission for its September meeting.

Ralsco site vote for naming the park is tentatively scheduled for the September meeting and the Keith Park Project is going out to bid by the end of September.

The Cosgrove Pool is scheduled to be closed on August 20<sup>th</sup> and the Manning Pool is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Pina to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks