

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2016

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8th, 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 Chickie Studenski, Commissioner Stephen Pina and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Commissioner Ulisses Varela being absent.

The following attended: Councilor Winthrop Farwell
Councilor Thomas Monahan
Samuel Lopes
Adius Pierre
Susan Nicastro

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to Field Safety Issues. Superintendent Carpenter submitted a draft letter of proper protocol for disposal of hypodermic needles found on the fields and playground facilities for the Commission's approval. This letter is to be forwarded to all leagues with contact information. Commissioner Pina suggested "sharps training" to all league officials.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to dispense letter as written to all leagues using the facilities under the care and control of the Park Commission. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to issues at Parmenter Playground on Sundays. Councilor Monahan reported that he had several complaints from neighbors in the area especially around the Baxendale/Oakland Avenue area. He showed video to the Commission which showed people who had no regard to the neighbors. They were blocking driveways, drinking and other unacceptable behavior. There was substantial trash on fields. Councilor Monahan recommended deposits for leagues. Mr. Pierre concurred with Councilor Monahan. Mr. Lopes who represented the Brockton Amateur Soccer League which is permitted shared his views of the situation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina for Mr. Lopes to contact all teams playing in his league about the complaints and unacceptable behavior. If complaints continue, the Commission will revoke his organization's current permit and no future permits will be issued to Brockton Amateur Soccer League. Motion carried.

Due to the Open Meeting Law training scheduled for October 13, 2016, the October's Park Commission Meeting be moved to October 20, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to move the October's Park Commission to October 20, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the conditions and revenues of DW Field Golf Course. He stated that August's revenues were \$139,066 which is the second highest August in 16 years. August 2015 revenue were \$146,000 which had the benefit of five weekends. The sixteen year average for August was \$119,064. The Year to Date revenues are \$657,346 whereas last year's (up to August, 2015) was \$572,993, an increase of \$84,353. He stated that due to the water levels, they are only watering tees and greens and aeration went well. The Ninth & Fourth greens are in tough shape due to lack of airflow and sunlight, which tree work is needed. The Cart Fence should be completed around October 15, 2016.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed ongoing Gift Certificates concerns. There seems to be counterfeit or non-approved gift certificates being presented at the Golf course for green and cart fees.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina that ALL Gift Certificates issued before 2016 must be used by December 15, 2016, or they will no longer be valid. Motion carried.

As for the Parks, Superintendent Carpenter reported that there is an upcoming movie night at Mulberry Park and that the Salisbury Park Association is having their annual event on September 10th. Towerfest will be held on October 8th, 2016 and there is on-going aeration of athletic fields.

Superintendent Carpenter suggested some improvements for Perkins Park. The improvements could include a chain link fence around the center monument and either stonework or fencing along the front wall. All work would require the park to be temporarily closed.

All pools have been closed for the season.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks