

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION OF THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

Present were Chairman Thomas Frizzell, Commissioners Billy Anderson, Harold Marrow, George Churchill, Robert King, Acting Superintendent James M. Casieri, Councilor Jass Stewart, and General Foreman Robert Bernier.

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 28, 2011 meeting was approved as written.

### **D.W. FIELD PARK:**

The opening and closing of the gates at D.W. Field Park was brought up by Michael Richards. It was stated by Mr. Richards that the park was not opened on time on the weekends and holidays. Mr. Casieri stated that the police open the gates on weekends and holidays. Mr. Richards asked why the park could not be open 24 hours a day. Commissioner Frizzell said it would not be practical to stay open 24 hours. When Mr. Richards suggested the Park Department open the gates, Mr. Casieri said it would involve overtime on the weekends and holidays. Mr. Richards suggested that maybe a volunteer group could be involved to which Commissioner Frizzell said it would not be practical due to the liability to the City. Commissioner Frizzell stated he would need to research if there are other options available and would talk with Mr. Casieri for a solution.

### **FIELD PERMITS:**

Councilor Stewart inquired on how the permits were issued for the fields stating that some soccer teams were denied access to the fields. Commission Frizzell responded that there are more teams this year and limited number of fields available. He stated that Brockton teams that have been here for over 30 years are given the permits first. Councilor Stewart stated that the soccer players were interested in using Snow Park to which Mr. Casieri said they would have to contact Mike Thomas from the School Department as they are responsible for that field. Mr. Casieri also stated that overplaying that field is not a good idea as it is a new field which is not established yet. Commissioner Churchill stated that someone did look at Snow Park and said that is was alright for children to use this year but that it needs to be built up for every day usage. Councilor Stewart also asked if lights will help out and how we could manage long

term for the soccer players. He also asked if we could do an online schedule to see if space is available on fields. Commissioner Frizzell stated that when a new Superintendent is appointed we can see what can be done to review the concerns and that he will get back to him regarding the gate opening at D.W. Field Park.

A motion was made at 7:40PM by Commissioner Churchill to go into executive session to discuss the position of Superintendent of Parks. Seconded by Commissioner King. Commissioner Frizzell, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Marrow all approved the motion.

A motion was made at 9:10PM to come out of executive session by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow. Commissioner Frizzell, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner King approved the motion.

Commissioner Frizzell stated that after the interviews for the Superintendent are completed that a future meeting will be held to discuss charging a fee for adult leagues for field permits.

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Casieri  
Acting Superintendent of Parks