

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

Present were Chairman Thomas Frizzell, Sr., Commissioners Harold Marrow, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter, Golf Professional Brian Mattos and Joe Sawaya.

The meeting began at 7:05 P.M.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Harold Marrow and seconded by Commissioner Frizzell to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting as written.

D.W. FIELD GOLF COURSE:

Brian Mattos, the Golf Professional gave the board an overview of the past season. Mr. Mattos stated it was a quiet year with the numbers being down due to the economy. Permits were down resulting in less revenue for the course. He stated he ran two customer appreciation days with free ads for a week for 2 green fees with golf carts for half price. Mr. Mattos stated membership, carts and green fees were down approximately \$80,000 from last year. He stated he ran specials on Wednesday for \$30 with cart. He was thinking of possibly doing it on a second day to bring in additional revenue. Mr. Mattos stated he needed additional mowers, fertilizer and possibly additional employees or part-time personnel to help out maintaining the golf course. Commissioner Frizzell suggested he sit with the Superintendent and General Foreman Robert Bernier and compile a list of his options to improve the golf course. Commissioner Marrow suggested exploring the possibility of obtaining grant money to assist in this process.

Joseph Sawaya who operates the lunch room gave the Commissioners an update of the past season. He stated where he started late that he had a lot of down time. He also stated the floor needs replacing and the men's locker room could use an overhaul. Commissioner Frizzell suggested Superintendent Carpenter look into the cost for a professional company to come in twice a week for maintenance of the clubhouse and bathroom areas. He also suggested that possibly the Building Department could assist with some of the necessary repairs. Mr. Sawaya also addressed the possibility of pro rating rent on days when the course is closed. Commissioner Frizzell asked him to keep a record of days when the course is closed and that a discussion could take place on a onetime adjustment in the amount owed. He also stated to Mr. Sawaya

to set up an appointment with Superintendent Carpenter and discuss any issues regarding the lunch room area for the upcoming season.

FIELD PERMITS:

Chris Lambert and Jason Connors addressed the Commissioners with concerns regarding Brockton Youth Softball League. Mr. Lambert stated they have no set field designated as their home playing field. He stated there were issues in the past regarding that the men's football league had a permit which overlapped in their playing field. He wanted to prevent this from happening in the future by stating his concerns. Commissioner Frizzell said that the Commissioners were aware of these issues and they are working to alleviate this problem with a new permitting system. Superintendent Carpenter stated he is looking into a software program for online scheduling of fields and this will help to manage the permits by listing fields that are available and who are actually playing on a field. Superintendent Carpenter also stated there would be a certain night designated for each sport to meet to request the field and dates they would need for their teams.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commissioners that Towerfest was well attended and the D.W. Field Park Association did a fine job. He also informed the board that the new chipper was being used at this time to clean up D.W. Field Park and now the smaller parks will be addressed. Mr. Carpenter also stated he would be meeting with the Conservation Commission on 11/15/11 to finalize the project of D.W. Field Park Restoration and also that Bay State Gas is in the process of making a donation for that project. Superintendent Carpenter also stated he is looking into software for field permits and also looking for fields that may not be in use to convert as needed for other sports.

Mr. Carpenter also addressed the issues of the Cosgrove Pool which is in need of some major repairs. The pool needs a lot of work and Mr. Carpenter is looking into whether the pool could be power washed, caulked and painted or if it should be sandblasted first before this is done. Superintendent Carpenter is also looking at the possibility of a PVC liner

for the pool. He stated he is meeting with Marc Resnick of the BRA to see if there may be any HUD money available to assist us.

Mr. Carpenter is also getting quotes on the replacement of the Pro Shop roof at the golf course and also is working on the replacement of golf carts

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks