

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK COMMISSION OF THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012**

**Present were Chairman Thomas Frizzell, Commissioners Harold Marrow, Billy Anderson, George Churchill and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.**

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Commissioner Harold Marrow and seconded by Commissioner Churchill to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting as written.

### **ADULT LEAGUES :**

Orlando Ribeiro from the Sunday Soccer League addressed the Commission regarding the fee that was implemented for the use of fields for the adult leagues. He could not understand why they had to pay a fee to obtain a permit for a field. He stated that he felt he should not have to pay to play on a field that was in poor condition. Commissioner Frizzell explained the fee collected from the Adult Leagues is to improve the fields. He stated that the money would be used to seed, fertilize and aerate the fields. Mr. Ribeiro stated he did not know that there was going to be a fee to use the fields. Commissioner Frizzell stated that letters were sent out to the Adult Leagues holding a permit from last year. The Park Commission Meetings along with the agenda is also posted on the City website. Mr. Ribeiro stated that he had a few players between the ages of 16-18 on his team and asked why should they have to pay. Commissioner Frizzell said if they were playing on an Adult League then the fee applies to the Adult League. Commissioner Marrow stated the fee was set to minimize out of town leagues from using our fields so they could be used for Brockton residents and to also maintain the fields. Commissioner Marrow also stated that Parmenter Soccer field was worked on approximately seven years ago and that people played on the field before the grass could take hold which in turned destroyed the field. Mr. Ribeiro felt he was only allowed to use Parmenter, to which Commissioner Marrow suggested he put in his request for another field and it would be on a first come basis in assigning the fields. Mr. Ribeiro stated it would be hard to come up with the \$500 fee as he pays for uniforms, cleats, water and referees for his

teams. He stated he has 9 teams with about 15 players per team. Commissioner Frizzell suggested he would only have to collect a couple of dollars from each player to pay for the permit. Commissioner Marrow also stated once we fix a field that no one would be able to play on it for a year to let it grow and have the grass take root. He also stated we all know the fields need work but by implementing the fee we are trying to get the fields back to a better condition. Commissioner Marrow also stated the leagues have to respect the fields they use in regard to cleaning up after their games. Mr. Ribeiro said he would take this information back to the league president.

Commissioner Frizzell suggested Mr. Ribeiro submit a letter with the request for the field, dates and time he is looking for and that it will be on a first come first serve basis.

Commissioner Marrow also stated that if a team does not have a permit they will not be allowed to play on the field.

Commissioner Churchill stated that if you compare surrounding Cities and Towns that we are charging the lowest fee.

Commissioner Frizzell suggested to the board that a second letter be sent out reminding the leagues that if they do not get a permit they would not be allowed to play on the fields.

Commissioner Marrow also suggested informing the Mayor and Police Chief regarding these regulations.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Carpenter stated that the Adult League meeting went well. He also stated that the electric work, floors and walls at D.W. Field Golf Course lunchroom were completed. Mr. Carpenter stated that next week the equipment would be moved back in. He also stated that depending on the weather that he was trying to get the golf course open on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of March with season permits starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that at 30 Acre Pond Dam that the trees on the pond side of the dam have been removed and that they were working on Ellis Brett Pond Dam. Mr. Carpenter told the Commissioners that the Brockton Reservoir and Hunts Dam are now under the jurisdiction of the DPW.

Mr. Carpenter also stated that he received a letter from Senator Thomas Kennedy regarding the great work being done in D.W. Field Park.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that they will start prepping the ball fields which will require work on the dams to be done on Saturdays. He also stated he is trying to use a different infield mix with more clay for the fields. The company he will be purchasing the mix from donates a field a year that they donate to redo and he is looking into getting on that list. He also said he will be trying new machinery to groom the fields.

Mr. Carpenter stated he would be meeting with CDM Smith and will walk around the parks and buildings to get ideas on their condition and will research any funding available through grants for any necessary repairs.

Superintendent Carpenter provided the Commissioners with an updated list of projects to be done regarding the PARC Grant. He is trying to get the two ADA chairs for the Cosgrove Pool which is State mandated, pool improvements for the fix of the seams and painting of the pool and possibly field improvements, aeration, seeding, fertilizing and lime applications through the grant.

Commissioner Frizzell set the next meeting for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Having no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy w. Carpenter  
Superintendent of Parks