

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at their office located at 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Frizzell. Present were Commissioners George Churchill, Billy Anderson, Bill Keane and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter with Commissioner Harold Morrow absent.

Present at the meeting was Councilor Thomas Monahan, Brian Mattos, Golf Pro; Anne Beauregard and Bill McCarthy who are Brockton Residents.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Councilor Monahan presented to the Commission with the idea of a stone plaque for Michael Von George at Walker's Playground. The Commission pledged its support and assistance.

Mr. McCarthy stated his numerous concerns about the D.W. Field's Golf Course and its condition. Chairman Frizzell suggested to Mr. McCarthy to put his concerns in writing for the Commission's perusal.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he was looking into Memorial Benches throughout D.W. Fields Park and the Golf Course. A style of bench will be chosen and offered to the public to purchase and donate. The details to follow at a later date.

Superintendent Carpenter and Brian Mattos suggested to the Commission that there should not be an increase in golf fees this year. The main focus should be to encourage Junior Golf and generate more Junior involvement. They suggested that the Junior Golf permit should be decreased from \$350.00 to \$200.00. Juniors would be able to play Monday to Friday and on weekends after 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Mattos suggested two changes for the Golf Fees. A Family Membership of \$2,300.00 which would encompass two paying adults and two children under eighteen and create a discount rate for Active Military with identification of \$18.00. All other golf fees would not change.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keane to approve the Golf fees as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Mattos informed the Commission that the BGA wants to change the date of its FOUR BALL Tournament from the second Friday in July to July 5th. Superintendent Carpenter approved the change of date but expressed his worries about conditions due to understaffing.

A discussion of donation of golf passes to organizations was held. A decision will be made in the near future.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he is in the middle of permitting the parks and its athletic fields. He recommended that the permit fee schedule should not increase and the priority for these athletic fields will be going for the youth leagues.

A discussion of Park Rules and Regulations was held. Any changes would be made in the near future.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that due to the severe winter weather, two poles that held transmission lines in DW Fields Park snapped. National Grid did finalize the repairs. In the February 8th Blizzard, the Park Employees did work. A truck was damaged and the backhoe broke down in the snow removal cleanup.

Superintendent Carpenter reported about the redesign of City Hall Plaza. He stated that the hurdles to cross were accessibility for ADA, amphitheatre design, parking issues and the inclusion of irrigation. His concern is that the State is pushing for a lot of trees and greenery which is very high maintenance. With an understaffed department, maintenance of the area is a concern.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the work on Edgars under the PARC Grant is progressing. Currently they are in the process of selecting a Landscape Design firm. They have looked at five firms. The time line of work to start at Edgars is the end of August.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he renewed the contract for USDA for Geese Control. It includes four site visits and more aggressive maneuvers towards Geese Control.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that he was submitting the FY14 Park Budget. He was going to request two more personnel, one for the Park and one for the Golf Course. His Capital Request would include two dump trucks, smaller tractor, a new rough mower and an infield groomer.

As for the Lunchroom at the Golf Course, Superintendent Carpenter stated that on February 6th, 2013, the bid went out again and two packages were taken out. A site visit is planned for February 21st and the bid deadline is March 11th.

Superintendent Carpenter reiterated that the Pools need work. It may be required by the Board of Health that the Manning Pool be painted and the aging infrastructure at the Cosgrove Pool needs to be addressed.

Superintendent Carpenter reported about the Air Control Monitor from Division of Environmental Protection will be located at the Buckley Playground against the tennis courts so it won't interfere with the baseball fields.

Commissioner Churchill stated that there were two Open Space Meetings held and there will be one or two meetings a week.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Chairman Frizzell and seconded by Commissioner Churchill to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks