

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Marrow and seconded by Commissioner Keane to accept the minutes of the February 14th, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the maintenance has been completed on equipment and mowers including the Fairway and Tee mowers. He stated that he had put in maintenance equipment under capital requests for the next fiscal year including ten new golf cars. He would be trading in several 2004 golf cars to offset some of the cost of the new golf cars.

Superintendent Carpenter informed that the projected date of the opening of the DW Field Golf course is for April 1st, 2013. This opening date is tentative due to weather conditions such as snow and standing water.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he attended the New England Turf Show in Providence, Rhode Island and found that there were several leasing options available for equipment that is needed for the department. There were certain vendors that would lease up to 60 months with a \$1.00 balloon payment that would have "non appropriation clauses" built into the lease agreement.

As for the Lunchroom at the Golf Course, Superintendent Carpenter stated he had extended the bid for two weeks due for additional advertising due to slow interest.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission of the application of fertilizer and irrigation dates for the golf course. He commented on the USDA procedures for geese control and contracting an outside contractor for edging on bunkers and drainage work.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the Park Department is prepping the fields for play. With the snow storm of March 7, 2013; the dump truck and the backhoe suffered damage. He had to call in Carney Brothers to clear out DW Field Park of the substantial amount of snow.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he is still in the process of permitting the parks and its athletic fields. He informed the Commission that this is a difficult process due to conflicts of the leagues that extended their schedules and limited park facilities. Mr. Carpenter and the Commission still pledged that their priority is to the Youth Leagues.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that he had a meeting with Yana Linhart concerning Hillstrom Farm Park and Land Conservancy which would allow funds to be raised for improvement of the park. Mr. Carpenter informed the Commission that he strongly recommended that absolute control of how funds are expended would be through the Park Commission and that the Conservancy would not affect the maintenance of the park by Park Employees. A suggestion of forming a committee to review and inform the full Park Commission was discussed.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he was in receipt of Mr. Bob McCarthy's letter which stated his numerous concerns about the D.W. Field's Golf Course and its condition.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he has scheduled a meeting with the Mayor on March 21, 2013 to discuss the Memorial Benches.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow for the acceptance of the proposed memorial bench. Motion carried.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks