

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 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, Harold Marrow and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter with Commissioner Bill Keane absent.

Mr. Norman Zaleski and Mr. Lou Fortin representing Brockton Pony/Colt League were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to accept the minutes of the May 9th, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

A discussion about held pertaining to the baseball field conditions especially Russell North Field, Walker's Field and O'Donnells. Mr. Zaleski's concerns included field conditions from the weather causing cancelling of scheduled games. He requested that Park Personnel switch their work schedules and dry out the fields in the morning and leave in field mix by the backstop. In turn his coaches could take care of the field prior to game time which would make the fields playable by game time.

Superintendent Carpenter explained that he understands the frustration of the field conditions, but due to the continuous wet weather, there is not much that can be done. He did report that in the FY14 Park Department Budget, he requested certain capital equipment and if approved, would help alleviate future issues with the ball fields. Commissioner Churchill expressed his concerns of the lack of Park Personnel especially for the fairness of other fields and leagues. Chairman Frizzell expressed his concern about lack of funding for the Park Commission's Budget.

A short term resolution for the field condition issues that were discussed was trying to amend the schedule of Park Personnel when possible to help rectify the current situation pertaining to the weather.

Superintendent Carpenter presented his report to the Commission. He reported that he appeared in for the FY14 Budget Hearing for the Park Department. He stated that he requested additional Personnel and Capital Equipment; which at this time both have been either eliminated or cut substantially. The City's Budgets will not be approved until the Council meeting next week.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on Thirty Acre Pond Dam. He stated that J.M. Shaw Construction was awarded the project and the cost would be approximately \$57,000. This included the concrete in the spillway and the lining of the culverts. A tree company

would have to be brought in to finish clearing the trees on the top side of the dam. The additional expense would have to be funded by the DW Fields Trust.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the Park Department is behind on mowing and maintenance due to the wet weather and providing their services to the Cemetery Department in lieu of the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

Superintendent Carpenter updated the Commission about the Edgar Park Project. He explained that the final designs are almost completed with a few changes that were done including moving the Basketball Courts to the other side of the park for their separate use and his concern about the increase drainage on the first base side. The project should be out to bid by July 15st, 2013.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed various issues pertaining to D.W. Field Park including but not limited to the DW Field Park Association in conjunction with the Brockton Garden Club repairing and painting the existing park benches; the need of road repair within the Park, and ongoing issues with the current supplier of the Portable restrooms.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that he received a request and met with a young man and his father pertaining to volunteering of supplies and labor for the Timothy Holister Park on West Chestnut Street. He explained that this would be mutually beneficial to the City as is for the young man who is going for Eagle Scout. He has notified Law and Personnel Department for their opinions pertaining to this request.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed the opening dates of the City's Public Pools. The Manning is scheduled to be opened on July 1st and the Cosgrove will be opened on July 2nd. The ongoing renovation at the Cosgrove Pool including the repainting of the floor in the bathhouse has cost approximately \$9,000 to date.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that DW Field Golf course revenues have decreased from last year due to the wet weather, but there are tournaments scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Landscaping work had been done in front of the Clubhouse and the lunchroom is running.

Chairman Frizzell requested that a two week notice be sent out to the members prior to a scheduled meeting of the Park Commission.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks