

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 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, Bill Keane and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.

Present at the meeting: Mr. Mark Resnick representing Brockton Redevelopment Authority; Residents of the City - Mr. Jack Capen, Mr. Dick Zaccaro and Mr. Paul Beckner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to accept the minutes of the June 13th, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Mr. Jack Capin representing Club National came in front of the Commission to request a Memorial Bench at D.W. Fields Golf Course for a deceased member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to approve said request of a Memorial Bench and submit to City Council for final approval. Motion carried.

A discussion was held about the Edgars Park Project. Mr. Resnick presented to the Commission an update and several ideas for the improvements and overall development of the park. He submitted plans pertaining to additions and improvements such as infield irrigation & regarding of the baseball field, adding overhangs, adding tables with game boards to attract older crowds, bubblers and water fountains and mutt mitt stations. Mr. Resnick stated that after checking with the Law Office, their legal opinion was that the Skate Park would assume the same amount as liability as any other playground equipment.

The end of the discussion resulted that there would be no dispensers and no water bubblers due to maintenance and its affiliated costs. Chairman Frizzell requested that a concrete pad can be installed for a smaller storage unit and portapotties.

A discussion was held about the Ralsco Site. Mr. Resnick presented to the Commission an update and design plans for the development. He stated that the Park Grant application needs to be submitted for funding with the Park Commission's approval, so he can forward to City Council for the Ralsco to be recognized as a city park. Commissioners Marrow and Churchill inquired about the cost of maintenance and upkeep of this property and future sites. Mr. Resnick stated that the Planning Department would be in charge of the cost maintenance and Public Property employees would be doing the physical upkeep. Chairman Frizzell and Superintendent Carpenter are to follow up on those issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to allow Brockton Redevelopment Authority to submit to City Council the Ralsco Site as a City Park should funding become available. Motion carried.

Mr. Dick Zaccaro and Mr. Paul Beckner introduced themselves to the Commission. A discussion was held about their concerns pertaining to the City Parks and the Golf Course.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission the following:

- The construction of the Thirty Acre Pond Dam project is to start on July 15th. He is lowering the level of the pond to help with the construction . There will be no public access while construction is ongoing.
- There was an accident on June 20th at the Danny Goodwin Playground next to East Junior High. The fences, playground and basketball courts were damage, but with insurance, the damaged property will be replaced and/or repaired.
- Both the Manning and Cosgrove pools are opened.
- Someone took a sledgehammer and destroyed the old water fountain at Keith Park.
- The City Hall Plaza project meeting was held on July 8th concerning lighting and the irrigation.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that DW Field Golf course revenues are approximately \$101,000 and slightly decreased from last year due to six days of no carts and three days of being closed. Due to the wet weather and no drainage, some of the greens are showing disease. Mr. Carpenter stated that he is meeting with consultants for a Comprehensive Spraying Program.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission that the Mayor's Recommendation of the Park's Department Budget has been accepted by City Council. The capital equipment included one new dump truck, on infield groomer and ten golf cars. The pool maintenance line items were increase due to the increase of water charges. Mr. Carpenter stated that he's looking into leasing a rough mower which the cost would come out of the DW Field Trust for the maintenance of the park.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks