

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th, 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: Ms. Cindy Ethier-Kostka and Christopher Kostka, residents of the City.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to accept the minutes of the July 11th, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

A discussion was held about Ms. Ethier-Kostka's concerns about the condition of Keith Park. The issues included the status of construction for the park, lighting issues and the existing walls surrounding the park that was damaged by DOT in the wake of installing new sidewalks around the perimeter. Mr. Carpenter explained the plans wouldn't be available until next fiscal year, that he was in contact with DOT about the damage that was caused and that he was looking into reconstructing the fountain that was damaged by vandals.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission that the construction of the Thirty Acre Pond Dam original bid's work has been completed. Mr. Carpenter supplied the Commission pictures of the work progress on the dam and explained that a change order was done to repair the culverts and dam. The order includes re-concreting with crushed stone and granite and reforming the footings. Total project cost is approximately \$87,400 not including the estimated cost of tree work.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the new F450 Diesel Dump Truck with a Plow Package was ordered and he hopes to obtain it in November. The Park Department inherited a 1997 Dump Truck from the Highway Department. Also, the new Infield Groomer came in and was used at the Bent Playground. Mr. Carpenter is extremely impressed with the equipment and its results.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed the most recent issues concerning the parks, playgrounds and pools. As for Buckley Playground, he reported that the basketball courts and tennis courts have been resealed and painted, but a tree came down shortly thereafter and took out the fence which we had to repair. The Air Quality Monitor has been installed.

As for Parmenters Park, he informed the Commission that he had a meeting with the School Department about concerns of Parmenters Park and the BB Russell School which opens September 18th. Adult Leagues may have to move to other fields for future permitting.

As for Edgars Playground, the tech bid had been submitted. The projected start of field work is late October.

As for the Cosgrove Pool, it closed August 17th, 2013. Repairs are needed to improve the pool and it may be possible to utilize the Sale of the Montello Pool Account which has approximately \$18,000 of available funds.

As for the Manning Pool, it closed August 31st, 2013. The gate revenue was approximately \$25,000 for the season.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed the electrical issues at Tukis, Raymond and West Junior High. As for Tukis Playground, its electrical repairs are slated to begin in the upcoming weeks. The repairs for the lights at the Raymond would cost approximately \$80,000. West Junior High's electrical repairs would be a minimum cost of \$150,000.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that July was very slow at the D.W. Fields Golf Course. For the month of August, there were 900 rounds of golf increase. The fall aeration is scheduled for September 30th where more holes would be punched but not as deep. This is to remove more material to increase water percolation. Superintendent Carpenter scheduled a meeting with the CFO to inquire about the Golf General Foreman position and leasing of equipment.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks