

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10th, 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: Jordan Edwards of Stoughton, MA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to accept the minutes of the September 12th, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried.

A discussion was held about the status of Edgar's Park Project. Superintendent Carpenter stated that a site visit had been done and all bid packets are due to the Procurement Office by October 17th, 2013 with the hope of breaking ground by November 1st, 2013.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed the most recent issues concerning the parks and playgrounds. As for Keith Park, he reported that he received two quotes for the wall repairs. The cost of repair is approximately \$8,200. He contacted the Mayor's Office to see if a claim can be submitted to DOT for the cost of the repairs.

As for Perkins Park, he coordinated with Brockton Police a cleanup for the last two Mondays. Due to homelessness, this cleanup is coming along slowly.

As for Snow Park, a league's soccer goal fell apart and hurt a coach from Brockton Public Schools. Due to liability issues, Superintendent Carpenter bought through the Park Department's Budget, four new soccer goals. The Park General Foreman will be scheduling taking the soccer goals off all the soccer fields in late October/early November.

As for Hancock Playground and Walkers Playground, playground grade woodchips will be placed in the play areas in lieu of a rubberized surface due to costs.

As for East Junior High, a new swing set is scheduled to be installed tomorrow at no cost for the Park Department. The proceeds for the swing set are from the insurance company of the truck that damaged it during the summer.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission of Towerfest which is being held on October 12th at DW Field Park. He is allowing parking behind the Maintenance Garage in the Gazebo Area due to the amount of people that attend. He ordered new 4 x 4 signs for the park listing the rules of the Park and will look into new speed limit signs for within the park.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission that the approvals have been completed pending the Dam Safety Approval. He attained a tree company from the state bid list and they quoted \$16,800 for the tree work. He hopes to start that project by the last week in October.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that they had \$85,000 in golf rounds for the month of September. On a 13 year average, the amount was \$86,961. Superintendent Carpenter would have full figures for November's meeting with the Commission and will invite Brian Mattos, Golf Pro.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed the update on the Memorial Bench for the Club National and introduced another memorial bench donation on behalf of the Polish White Eagles for their deceased members notably Mr. Paul Gorman, a DPW-Refuse employee who passed away unexpectedly on his way to work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Marrow to approve said request of a Memorial Bench on behalf of Polish White Eagles and submit to City Council for final approval. Motion carried by a hand vote.

A discussion was held pertaining to ideas for improvements at DW Field Golf Course. The four ideas presented were the addition of a cart barn, cart path paving, bunker work and tree removal. The Commission agreed to get a cost analysis for the projects.

A discussion was held pertaining to West Little League installing wooden structures over the dugouts at Petronelli Field at the league's cost. The Commission had no issues with the request.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that he is scheduled to meet with CFO John Condon and Atty Leach pertaining to upcoming union issues and negotiations pertaining to the additions of new parks under the Commission's Rule.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks