MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2014

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9th, 2014 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 Billy Anderson, Bill Keane, George Churchill and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Commissioner Harold Marrow being absent.

Present at the meeting: Cindy Ethier-Kostka and John Kostka of Brockton, MA; Charles Studenski of Brockton, MA.

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

A discussion was held pertaining to the status of the construction at Edgar's Playground. Superintendent Carpenter reported that 90% of the demolition had been completed. The backstop was going to be saved to keep cost low, but it's been recently detected that there are severe deficiencies to the backstop. The Change Order is estimated to be $25,000. The timetable for the project has been altered. Drainage work has not been started as initially planned. He has been coordinating with the DPW for the Water & Sewer Hookups for the Splash Pad. Substantial completion date is now planned for June 1st, 2014.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the City Hall Plaza's Grant has been approved by the City Council in its meeting of December 22nd, 2013 for 4.45 million dollars. 1 million dollars must be spent this Fiscal year.

Superintendent Carpenter informed the Commission that all tree work in the parks and playgrounds has been done. All padlocks will be replaced other than the padlocks belonging to the gates of DW Field Park. Padlock deposits will be in place for all the leagues. He has contacted Reliapole for the sports lights at the Raymond School, West Junior High and Davis School for the purpose of budget planning for the upcoming Fiscal year.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the new Dump Truck is scheduled to be delivered sometime in the near future and he is in the process of inventorying all old, poorly conditioned and unusable equipment for scrap.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed with the Commission the "Our Common Backyards" Grant that provides $200,000 with a $50,000 match for the purpose of the repairing playgrounds. He would like to be able to use this grant for the soccer fields with priority given to Parmenters, Hillstrom and then East Junior High. He would delay any work until the Fall/Winter Season which would then be evaluated that following spring. If

the grant is dictated for playgrounds, then the priority would be McKinley Park and Danny Goodwin Playground for their basketball courts.

A discussion was held about Keith Park. Ms. Ethier-Kostka gave out a pamphlet to the Commission members pertaining to the *Keith Park Neighborhood Association* and again requested a permit for a festival tentatively dated June 14, 2014.

Superintendent Carpenter presented a permit application to the Commission. He stated the numerous obstacles in past permitting involving limited amount of fields and large requests from leagues and other groups.

A motion was made by Chairman Frizzell motioned to TABLE the approval of the new permit application to the next scheduled Park Commission Meeting and seconded by Commissioners Keane and Churchill. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission that the Golf Course is closed for the season and that he is been keeping mind of the damage caused by White Ice and the effects of the Snow Mold Spray. Other issues included the present rent of the Lunchroom and the consensus of more equipment for the lunchroom to lure in a prospective business. He is looking into a feasibility study to swap the Proshop and the Lunchroom from its current locations within the building. The Golf employees are completing the winter repair and maintenance work on equipment. Tree work has started on various parts of the golf course.

A discussion was held about leasing equipment for a five year term with a one dollar ($1.00) balloon payment at end of the term using the DW Field Trust Fund to support such payments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Churchill and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept to lease equipment for a five year term with a one dollar ($1.00) balloon payment at tend of the term using the DW Field Trust Fund to support such payments was made. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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