

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 2014

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10th, 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 Chickie Studenski, Richard Wernick Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Commissioners Harold Marrow and Billy Anderson were absent.

Present at the meeting: Herbert Matta.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wernick and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to accept the minutes of the June 12th, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on D.W. Field Golf Course. He stated that he received two out of the three leased mowers. The Fairway mower should be delivered by the end of August. A 25 x 60 tent was rented for functions at the Golf Course from July to October which he may be able to purchase in the future. For the month of June, the Golf Course generated \$110,000. In June, 2013 revenues were \$101,000. The 14 year average is approximately \$113,000. The Saturday and Sunday average is approximately \$6,442 compared to \$5,337 from last year. Overall conditions of the Golf Course have improved and the City's Four Ball Tournament was held on June 27th. Of the 161 online bookings, the generated revenue was approximately \$7,000. These online bookings appear to be relatively new customers. The Park Commission requested from Superintendent Carpenter about adding "Part Time Salary" into the next FY16 Budget Request for Summer Help at the Golf Course.

Superintendent Carpenter discussed the issues concerning the Parks. He has been approached by various organizations pertaining to clean ups of the City's Parks. He has pledged to help these organizations with materials to clean up with. Mulberry Street Playground Project also known as "*Charles R. Packard Playground*" is moving forward and slated to be completed by December 31st, 2014 as required of the grant. The Ralsco Site has been funded by a state grant and the Brockton Redevelopment Authority. The graffiti has been removed at O'Donnell's, Buckley and Edgar's by Work Express also known as Father's Bill/Mainspring. The Mayor has assigned School Police to increase patrol at the parks. A cleanup was done at Parmenters by the youth group provided by the Mayor's Office took over 6 ½ hours to complete. Superintendent Carpenter has added more signage at DW Field Park and various ball fields concerning "No Dogs" and "No Parking".

Superintendent Carpenter updated the status of the City's Pools. The Manning Pool opened on June 30th and the Cosgrove opened on July 5th. The Cosgrove had to be closed down a day due to water clarity of the deep end. Old Colony Y will strongly enforce the Dress Code of "No Cotton Apparel" to improve the overall clarity and chemical composition of the pool.

Superintendent Carpenter notified the Commission about various programs slated to be held in the Parks. The Mayor's Summer Park Program will be held from July 7th to August 29th at Edgars, North Junior High, Bent Playground, O'Donnell's and Gilmore Academy. This includes a lunch program. The Brockton After Dark program will be held at Brockton High School, Golf at DW Field Golf Course and open swim at Manning Pool at the expense of the Mayor's budget. There will be concerts held at Edgar's Playground and Salisbury Park in August and a movie night held at Keith Park in September. He is working with Councilor Monahan for a Plaque for Michael Von George that will be placed at Walker's Playground.

A discussion was held pertaining to the status of City Hall Plaza. Superintendent Carpenter reported that the contractor ripped out several conduits in error. This affected the Golf Course in which they couldn't process Credit Cards for several days which included a weekend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter
Superintendent of Parks