



## *Board of Park Commissioners*

July 16, 2014 – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Peter Boswell, Chairman  
Elaine Safioleas, Secretary  
Diane Berube  
Charles Cotter, Member  
David Peixoto, Member

Also Present: Ward 3 Councilor Henry Bousquet, Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches, and Counsel Craig Espinola

**Motion** to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2014 Park Board Meeting.

**MOTION** to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting by Mr. Peixoto

**SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

### **NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS**

1. Request permission to have a Farmer's Market at Clasky Common Park from July 11, 2014-October 25, 2014

*Invitee: Ms. Norma Alvarez*

A discussion was held regarding the closing of the street. Mr. Boswell stated that we would not officially close off the street, but saw horses can be provided. In cases of emergency, someone working the Farmer's Market will have to move the sawhorses for emergency vehicles.

**MOTION** to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Request permission to have Massachusetts National Guard annual Family Day at Buttonwood Park on August 10, 2014

*Invitee: Mr. Jeremiah Rochon*

A discussion of which area; Mary Rapoza suggested using the area northeast of the playground, where the bathrooms are in between the two baseball fields. Port-o-johns will be near the zoo parking lot. They are expecting about one hundred and fifty people and will be there for about eight hours. Ms. Berube asked that games not be played near the arboretum.

**MOTION** to approve and waive the bond by Mr. Peixoto.

**SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

3. Request permission to have the A Day in My Shoes Walk at Fort Taber Park on September 27,2014  
*Invitee: Mr. Henry Bousquet, Ward 3 City Councilor*

**MOTION** to approve by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**  
**MOTION CARRIES.**

*At this point Mr. Boswell stated that there is a new policy by the Dept. of the Interior, unless approved by them, prohibiting the placement of flowers, monuments, symbols etc., at Fort Taber. Ms. Rapoza stated, for clarification, that it was the placement of pinwheels for the day that was in question. Mr. Espinola, City Counsel, sees no problem with the placement of pinwheels for the day. They have their insurance and bond. Mr. Boswell stated that it was Shannah Paddock was requesting the use of flowers and pinwheels.*

4. Request permission to have Southeastern Massachusetts walk to cure Alzheimer's at Fort Taber Park on September 28,2014  
*Invitee: Ms. Shannah Paddock- not present, sent a communication*

**MOTION** to reserve the date and table until the next meeting, asking Ms. Paddock to attend the meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Request permission to have the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual BWS 5k at Fort Taber Park on October 5, 2014.  
*Invitee: Ms. Kathy Kruger*

Ms. Kruger stated they were in the process of obtaining their insurance and bond.

**MOTION** to approve by Ms. Safioleas pending receipt of their insurance and bond. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

6. Request permission to have an Herb Garden at Victory Park and to install a 6'x8' stone curbing raised bed along with a 3'x6' root cellar.  
*Invitee: Mr. Chancery Perks-not present*

**MOTION** to table until the next meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**  
**MOTION CARRIES.**

7. Request permission to play musical instruments in city parks.  
*Invitee: Mr. Paul Medeiros-not present*

**MOTION** to table until the next meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**  
**MOTION CARRIES**

8. Request permission to use Hazelwood Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm.  
*Invitee: Mr. Matthew Brodeur and Richard Brodeur*

A lengthy discussion was held regarding usage of the Hazelwood Community Center. Mr. Boswell stated that there is a moratorium on distributing keys for access to city buildings. Ms. Rapoza made suggestion regarding an alternative way to gain access, such as hiring a custodian. Ms. Safioleas stated that the main focus today is to keep our kids off the streets. She suggested Mr. Brodeur speak to the Mayor to see if something could be done to secure a key and put something in place for them.

Mr. Peixoto suggested talking to the school department about using Roosevelt Middle School or establishing partnerships with possibly the District Attorney or Sheriff's Department in seeking available funding. Ms. Berube suggested using the library. Mr. Brodeur stated the libraries close early. He also said that he has spoken to Mayor Mitchell and to several city councilors. They all said that pending the approval of the Board, they would be willing to support this as well. Mr. Espinola stated that an emergency vote could be obtained, if one was needed. Mr. Boswell will write a reference letter for Mr. Brodeur.

**MOTION** to table until the next meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

9. Request permission for Friends of Ruth and Emily to have a small table for World Elephant Day at Buttonwood Park on August 12, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Joyce Rowley*

Ms. Rowley submitted a prepared statement regarding the previous month's meeting and wanted corrections to the minutes made. The minutes had already been approved earlier in the meeting. The content of the letter is on file. A discussion ensued between Mr. Boswell and Ms. Rowley. Mr. Espinola, City Council, stated that the Board should stick to the request on the agenda Ms. Rowley is present for. Ms. Rowley feels she does not need permission from the Board to set up a table in the park, and, wants to know what law from the city code states that. Ms. Rowley wanted to change the item on the agenda to being able to set up a table in any park at any time for the rest of the year. Ms. Rowley informed the Board that she was going to record the meeting and proceeded to do so. Mr. Boswell, on the advice of Mr. Espinola, called Ms. Rowley out of order for not sticking to the item on the agenda. He said if she had a complaint, there were other avenues she could follow. Mr. Espinola stated that he disagrees with the assessment of whether or not she needs permission to set up a table. He said setting up a table in the park was a complex issue and the Board can restrict Ms. Rowley in regards to time, place, and manner.

**MOTION** to call Ms. Rowley out of order by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION** to place on record that no action was taken by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

10. Request permission to have the Latino Beach Festival at Fort Taber Park on August 9 & 10, 2014.

*Invitee: Ms. Mariangeli Vargas*

Mr. Boswell stated that pony rides are no longer allowed in the park. There will be confectionary tables and artisan kiosks. There will be approximately twenty-five to thirty antique cars near the tennis court area. No cars are to be parked on the grass. Port-o-johns will be set up. They must provide recycling and trash should be removed each night. Ms. Rapoza suggested Ms. Vargas reach out to the school department for overflow of parking. Mr. Boswell stated that they could set up Friday night after the beach close and must be out by dusk. Mr. Boswell requested a \$10,000 bond be obtained.

**MOTION** to approve pending receipt of insurance and bond by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

11. Correspondence from Nick Nanopoulos concerning events happening at Low Tide Yacht Club without special event permits.

Mr. Boswell read the correspondence from Mr. Nanopoulos. Ms. Rapoza will follow up on this matter.

**MOTION** to receive and place file by Mr. Peixoto **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** **MOTION CARRIES.**

12. Correspondence from the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of New Bedford on the Park Regulations.

Ms. Rapoza distributed two sets of Park Regulations to the Board. The City Solicitor has asked the Board to look over the Rules and Regulations so that they can be revised and updated. The Solicitor's office will be looking them over as well. Ms. Rapoza also reminded the Board of the upcoming Great Outdoors Day on July 19, 2014 and the Fort Taber Community Park meeting at Fort Taber Community Room on July 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

13. Correspondence from Joyce Rowley to correct the minutes from the June 18, 2014 meeting.

Br. Boswell read the correspondence from Ms. Rowley.

**MOTION** to receive and place on file by Mr. Peixoto  
**SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

14. Correspondence from Ryan Sylvia about donating Bishop Stang's old football goal posts and soccer goals to Victory Park. Bishop Stang will request use of the field space in the fall and spring season Monday-Friday 2:30-5:30pm.

A discussion was held regarding the receipt of the equipment from Stang and their request for Victory Park field usage. Mr. Boswell stated that there is resistance from the ward councilor and some neighbors. He also stated that Ms. Rapoza would like to accept the posts but look for an alternative location. Ms. Rapoza reiterated that they are looking for an alternative location.

**MOTION** to receive and place on file by Mr. Peixoto  
**SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

15. Correspondence from Joanne Demers requesting to start cleanup and place DPMF park bench at Hazelwood Park (on the beach side).

Mr. Boswell read the correspondence from Ms. Demers. The bench was approved over a year ago. Ms. Rapoza is looking into a system-wide conformity on memorial benches.

**MOTION** to receive and place on file by Mr. Peixoto  
**SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

### **OTHER**

16. Request permission to hold a walk and picnic for the awareness of the charity, Answering for the Cry of the Poor to be held on August 17, 2014.

*Invitee: Josephine Herrera*

Mr. Boswell stated that a permit is not needed because the event attendance projection is fewer than seventy-five.

17. Mr. Carl Simmons gave an update on the Brooklawn Park Historical archeological dig. The DPI dumped loam on the site. Ms. Rapoza asked if the Historical Society could help out. Mr. Peixoto asked if a temporary fence could be placed around the area.

**MOTION** to send a letter to Mr. Ron Labelle to respect the Park Board's position and vote to preserve the archeological dig by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Addendum:**

18. Permission to have Rock the City-A Community Event at Hazelwood Park, August 23, 2014

*Invitee: Mr. Marco DeBarros*

Mr. Boswell stated that they must remove their own garbage. He also stated that they would need a \$5000 bond because of the stage, which could result in possible damage. They have their insurance.

**MOTION** to approve pending receipt of the bond by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:32 PM.**

A true record attests \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas  
Secretary