



Board of Park Commissioners

August 20, 2014 – **Minutes**

Buttonwood Park Community Center, 1 Oneida Street, New Bedford

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches, and Alex Bettencourt, Assistant Project Manager

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2014 Park Board Meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Request permission to have a wedding ceremony at Fort Taber Park on June 26, 2015.

Invitees: *Ms. Courtney Pereira & Mr. Tyler Berg*

A discussion was held regarding the wedding. The ceremony will be at 4:00 PM. Arrival for setup will be at 3:00 PM. An estimated number of 75 guests will attend. Therefore, no permit, bond, or insurance is necessary.

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

2. Request permission to a water stop at Fort Taber Park for the 8th Annual Watershed Ride on October 5, 2014.

Invitee: *Ms. Donna Cobert*

This fundraiser, sponsored by the Coalition of Buzzard's Bay, is to benefit the restoration of the Saw Mill area.

MOTION to approve and waive the bond by Mr. Cotter.

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

3. Request permission to have a wedding at Custom House Square Park on September 12, 2015.

Invitee: *Ms. Crystal Rivera*

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

An estimated number of 75 guests will be in attendance. Therefore, no special events permit is required. Mr. Boswell stated that they must recycle and clean up afterwards.

At this point Ms. Rapoza informed the Board that the Custom House Square has been officially designated a park.

4. Request permission to rent to own a structure at Lot 13.

Invitee: Ms. Deanne Ray

A discussion was held regarding the Whaler football team's request for a storage container and a building for a canteen. They are presently renting a pod. A meeting to discuss logistics will be held with all parties, which will include Ken Blanchard from DPI and Patrick from Community Development,.

MOTION to approve a pod on a temporary basis by Mr. Cotter. **SECOND:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION CARRIES.

5. Discussion regarding athletic fields / agreements involving the City.

Invitee: Ms. Mary Rapoza, Director Parks & Recreation & Mr. Alex Bettencourt, Assistant Project Manager

Mr. Bettencourt stated that a board/organization has been formed. It has sponsors that have pledged to donate a couple million dollars for turf at Morton Ave. field. It would be used just for games. The field has been taken out of exclusive rights. Mr. Boswell stated that it must be independent of the Park Board. Ms. Rapoza stated that every single soccer organization and Voke have been a part of this. It will remain city property. They need to file for a 501 C nonprofit status.

A discussion was also held regarding the Southcoast Sox, which is a travel team. It includes students, ages 16-19, who have aged out of youth league and been cut from high school baseball

OLD BUSINESS

6. Request permission to play musical instruments in city parks.

Invitee: Mr. Paul Medeiros - Not present.

MOTION to table by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

7. Request permission to use Hazelwood Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Invitee: Mr. Matthew Brodeur - Not Present.

Mr. Boswell stated that they would be using Roosevelt Middle School. No further action was taken.

8. 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

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

9. Discussion regarding memorial benches. Ms. Rapoza led an informational discussion on memorial benches. Catalogs were passed out for members to look over.

10. Request permission to have Southeastern Massachusetts walk to cure Alzheimer's at Fort Taber Park on September 28, 2014.

Invitee: Ms. Shannah Paddock

Between one thousand and twelve hundred participants are expected to attend. They want to set up four tents in front of the fort. Ms. Rapoza will check to see if anything else is scheduled for that day. A discussion was

held regarding parking and the setup of trailers versus port-o-johns. Mr. Boswell suggested talking to Ms. Rapoza.

MOTION to approve contingent upon conversation with Ms. Rapoza by Mr. Peixoto
SECOND: Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

CORRESPONDENCE

11. Correspondence from Ken Blanchard regarding Latino Beach Festival garbage / recycling.
12. Correspondence from Councilor Lopes stating he is in favor of agenda items numbers 1, 2, 7, 8, and 10.

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

OTHER

13. Boards and Commission 2014 Policies to be passed out, signed, and returned.

Those Park Board members present received and signed the 2014 policies.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:11 PM.

A true record attests _____

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas
Secretary