



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

April 24, 2019

6:00 P.M.

### Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:05pm

**ROLL CALL** Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Diane Berube, Paula Robinson Deare Arrived at 6:25pm,

**ALSO PRESENT** Mary Rapoza, Director Parks, Rec, Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Accounting Clerk

**ACCEPT PAST MINUTES** NO MINUTES WERE PRESENTED.

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

1. **N.B. Resilient Community Day @ Magnett Park on 6/15/19**

*Invitee: Michele Paul not present, Angela Cleveland*

Motion to move item #12 to #1 by Diane Berube. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all

Will have 15 activities to reflect all the Resilient Plan. Participants will be given passports to explore all the booths. Recycling education, Junior Achievement, EMS with a Fire Truck, & Police Dogs. 1 Food Truck confirmed. Will be moving SRTA bus stop for the event. Will have street closure.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

2. Sign license agreements for Greater New Bedford Youth Baseball for use of baseball diamonds at Dias Field.  
Mrs. Ligia Freitas who is the Secretary of the league came to sign the agreement. She was instructed that if Rosters, Insurance, CORI's are not provided to the PRB office by Friday the license will be revoked.

3. **Memorial Brick walk** for the Bell Tower at Clasky Common Park

*Invitee: Suzanne Sullivan*

Diane Berube motioned to table this item. 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

4. **Little Free Library** Proposed Site in Victory Park

*Invitee: Sandi Montour*

Would be placed @ Victory Park and anticipates no cost to the city. Infrastructure will probably install the posts, per Mary Rapoza. Sandi and Youth United will manage the box.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept the proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Berube and accepted by all.

5. **Pound in the Park @Fort Taber Park on 5/14/19**

*Invitee: Rebecca Vasa not present, Claudia Gelb*

Free exercise class. Will use a small Bluetooth speaker.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Berube and accepted by all.

6. **Learn to Quahog @Fort Taber Park on 5/18/19**

*Invitee: Rebecca Vasa not present, Claudia Gelb*

Free basic instruction class on how to quahog.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas was and accepted by all.

7. **Whaling City Festival @ Buttonwood Park on 7/11-7/14/49**

*Invitee: Josh Fernandes not present*

Diane Berube motioned to table the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

8. **N.B. Farmers Market @ Custom Hose Square 5/2-10/31/19**

*Invitee: Jillian Cotter*

Plan to have a cooking class twice a month. Everything else will be the same as years past. Will run from 2-6 PM.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

9. **N.B. Farmers Market @ Clasky Common Park 6/1-10/26/19**

*Invitee: Jillian Cotter*

Event is same as in past years. Planning on blocking off Pleasant Street. They will be putting up signs.

Diane Berube motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

10. **N.B. Farmers Market @ Brooklawn Park 6/3-10/28/19**

*Invitee: Jillian Cotter*

Event same as in past years with addition of cooking classes and food truck possibly.

Diane Berube motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

11. **Schwartz Center Superhero Walk / 5K @ Fort Taber Park & Community Center on 9/22/19**

*Invitee: Amy Barrett Not present.*

Diane Berube motioned to save the dated for the vent. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

12. **Buzzard Bay Watershed Ride @ Fort Taber Park on 10/6/19**

*Invitee: Deb Hood not present.*

Only looking to use the bathrooms at Fort Taber. The ride just comes through the park.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the use of the bathrooms. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

13. **Memorial Brick walk for the Bell Tower at Clasky Common Park**

*Invitee: Suzanne Sullivan arrived late.*

Suzanne would like to sell bricks to help pay for the bell tower at Clasky Common Park. Planning and DPI are both onboard. Bricks will be \$100.00 a piece to purchase with message on them. The Board will hold an informational meeting at some point in time.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the fundraising of \$100 per brick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

14. Review and vote on proposal for food concession at Fort Taber Park.

Jason Costa of Chocolate Com Pimenta is looking to be more involved in the city. Rent will be \$1500.00

He is aware he must maintain the bathrooms when open for business. Will plan on having sandwiches and beverages.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve Fort Taber Concession at \$1500.00 for the season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

15. **Comcast Care Day /Groundworks Southcoast @ Riverside Park on 5/4/19**

Clean up day at Riverside Park. Will have volunteers from Com Cast. Trash clean up, mulching of beds, On the Sawyer Street side of the park they plan on stenciling games on the ground for the kids to play.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

16. Vote to approve **Grilling Policy** for parks submitted by the Grilling Policy Committee.

Mary spoke on the committee that came together to create the policy for the upcoming season. Bulk of the grilling is done at Fort Taber and Hazelwood parks. Peter informed the board that he received calls and letters regarding the plan not being all inclusive to every park. Councilors Lopes, Giesta, and Morad want an all-inclusive policy for all parks.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file correspondence from Councilor Lopes and Giesta about grilling policy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Peter requested to bring the grilling committee to meet again.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

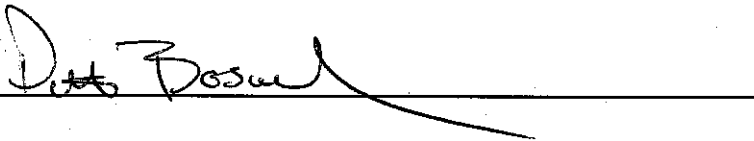
**OTHER**

**NEXT MEETING** 5/15/19 @ 6m at Buttonwood Community Center

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:19 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

A true record attests



A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to read "Diane Berube", is written over a horizontal line.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),  
if any accommodations are needed,  
please contact the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 508-961-3015.  
Requests should be made as soon as possible  
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.*

