



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Fort Taber Community Center

1000 South Rodney French Blvd

New Bedford, MA 02744

April 18, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:06 PM

ROLL CALL Elaine Safioleas, Peter Boswell, Diane Berube, and Paula Robinson Deare.

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Rapoza, Director Parks, Rec., and Beaches, Bernadette Barreira, Accounting Clerk

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept February minutes, 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept March minutes, 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. New Bedford Food Truck Festival @ Fort Taber July 21, 2018 (#12 on agenda)

Invitee Anne-Marie Aigner

Diane Berube motioned to take item number twelve out of order (to 1st). 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and Unanimously Approved. Same as last years set up. Peter will be on site to help set up. Currently 20,000 people are interested in coming. Security plan is in place and there will be ID checkers. Liquor license paper work is in process. Set up is starting on the Friday at noon. Rough est. 5,500-6,000 people to attend. Plan is to have 25 food trucks on site. Will be checking on stage and power with DPI. Park use fees will be \$528.00. Parking will be collected by the city kiosk, \$2 per hour or \$10 for the day. Season passes will also be accepted. More trash and recycling needed. Be sure that staff to help clean up. Organizer will be speaking to police for details. Gator and traffic cones needed. Lifeguards to help with trash pick up. No balloons.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve. 2nd Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file the site plan and security plan for the Food Truck Festival. 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

2. Cape Verdean Recognition Parade @ Buttonwood Park 7/7/18

Invitee: Diane Gomes

Diane Berube motioned to take item number 14 out of order (to 2nd), 2nd by Elaine Safioleas, Unanimously Approved. Same set up as last year. May be renting porta potties. They may use any vendors they want to use. DPI will designate where porta potties are to be placed. Peter asked that all trash is picked up and recycled. Bernadette to email outside vendor form. It is a city-sponsored event so no fees will be charged.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve, 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

3. Burgo Basketball Assoc. is requesting permission to place advertising signs around Buttonwood Park

Invitee: Steve Burgo

Signs will be placed on the corners of Brownell Ave. and Hawthorne, Rte. 6 and Brownell, Union and Rockdale, and Hawthorne and Rockdale. May be putting a bigger sign at Rte 6. The camps will run from July 9th-13th and July 24th-28th. Signs will be taken down after the camps are done.

Diane Berube motioned to approved, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare, Unanimously Approved.

4. Greek Veterans Memorial at Clasky Common Park

Invitee: Dennis Maniatis not Present

Diane Berube motioned to table, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas Unanimously Approved.

5. Safe Routes to Park Pop Up & Kick Off @ Ashley Park on 5/17/18

Invitee: Dawn Dimarco & Mary Rapoza

Parks and Rec received a technical assistance grant. Thanks to site walk, found sidewalk need to be replaced. A walk audit identified dark areas. The two local schools DeValles and Congdon are involved and are all for event. Police are involved. Site audit should lighting issues, Survey shows people come from a far to use this park. Pop up event to let community know of this new initiative, which has a template design that will be placed on the sidewalk to indicate a safe way to get to local park. During the event one corner will be made larger with bright colored ribbons.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approved. 2nd by Diane Berube Unanimously Approved.

6. N.B. Farmers Markets Custom House Square, Clasky Common, & Brooklawn Park from June to October

Invitee: Dawn DiMarco & Stephanie Perks not present

Diane Berube motioned to table 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare Unanimously Approved.

7. World War II Living History @ Fort Taber/Stone Fort Rodman on 6/16&6/17

Invitee: Joseph Laglois

Same set up as last year. Police detail has been set up. Allied & German troops actors set up camps, fire fight, and talk about what it was like to be a soldier during this time. Looking to have NBPD Canine unit, Nbfd, EMS, State Police involvement. May be having a WWII era plane do a fly over. Marine, USCG, National Guard, Army, and Air Force, may also be involved. Will be using lots for parking.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare, Unanimously Approved.

8. Operation Hope @ Dias Fiels on 6/30/18

Invitee: Joseph Britto

Will need insurance paperwork sent to Parks and Recreation. No bond is required. Dept. of Health will check that morning. Need trash and recycling plan. Need DPH approval paperwork. Will be having two inflatables and need to submit outside vendor forms and plans to secure the inflatables. There is an \$85 fee.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

9. Just for Today 90 in 90's @ Hazelwood Park on 8/4/18

Invitee: D'lanor Harris

Cooking for their members, not the public. Will be providing their own generator. DJ will also be available. Will be playing lawn games. Bathhouse restrooms will be open.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approved, 2nd by Diane Berube Unanimously Approved.
Elaine Safioleas motioned to reduce fee to \$82.00. 2nd by Diane Berube Unanimously Approved.

10. Shakespeare on Buttonwood Macbeth @ Buttonwood Park on August 7,12,13

Invitee: Korey Pimental

Combined event with city (PRB & Library). Will have stage & tents (changing area). Looking to have 7-11 for practice. Need to check with DPI for Stage. Mary to check with Shannon on insurance. Police have been notified for tech weekend and performance. They will only have swords.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare Unanimously Approved.

11. I love My City Festival @ Buttonwood park on 9/8/18

Invitee: Edwin Cartagena

Free event to bring community together. Instructed to keep cars off grass. Would like to use Basketball Courts and Park Area. Trash with ABC Disposal. Inflatable Obstacle Course. Will be serving food and DPH is aware and will inspect. Renting a generator and porta potties. Checking on the property damage on policy.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event, 2nd by Diane Berube and Unanimously Approved.

Diane Berube motioned to reduce fees by 50% to \$72.00, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas Unanimously Approved.

12. 12th Annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride @ Fort Taber Park on 9/30/18

Invitee: Deborah Hood

100-mile bike ride, across 2 states, Little Compton, RI to Falmouth, MA 11 towns. Has a recycling plan. Not using any parking lots. 1 6ft table will be placed in park. Paula Robinson Deare suggested getting coverage of event. Mary rapoza suggested contacting Jim Marshall at Cable.

Diane Berube motioned to approve, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare, Unanimously Approved..

13. Movie Night @ Custom House Square on 8/24/18

Invitee: Kerrie Burrer not present

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table until May, 2nd by Diane Berube Unanimously Approved.

14. OdiePalooza 3 weekend August 25 & 26 @ Buttonwood Park has been in front of board in March and was requested to return in April with complete plan for event.

Invitee: Brian Harrington

Letters of recommendation from Councilors Abreu, Lopes, Giesta, and Lima. Looking to have a 2-day festival at Buttonwood Park.

Elaine Safioleas motion to receive and place on file the map for the event. 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved. Mary Rapoza will do a walk through with all departments in June or July. Will need to provide insurance information. NBPd plan for security overnight. Will need DPH certificate. Planning on cleaning park before event. ABC Disposal for trash and recycling. Sides must be closed on vendor trucks at night. Will not be using Baseball Diamond 2. Will be using Diamond 3/Lawler Library portion of the park. Will be closing streets within the park going to the city councilor for permission. Needs new generator contractor. \$1008 for park fees. Will be getting porta potties. He will do another event in October.

Diane Berube motioned to reduce fee to \$1000.00, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and Unanimously Approved..

Elaine Safioleas motioned to allow signage for 45 days before the event, 3 signs per park in the city & four at Buttonwood Park. 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

Elaine Safioleas motion to approve the event, 2nd Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

15.D'Arrigo Wedding @ Fort Taber behind the fort on 9/15/18

Invitee: Jeffery D'Arrigo not present

Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date and request their presence at next month meeting, 2nd by Diane Berube, Unanimously Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Peter Boswell read the resignation letter from Charles Cotter who resigned from the Park Board, effective immediately.

Mr. Boswell read an invitation from Sue and Bruce Carlson inviting the Park Board members and Park Dept. staff to attend a social at the golf course on April 25th.

April 27th, 10:00 am, Ribbon Cutting for the Capt. Jack Peterson Dog Park

April 28th. Noah's Playground Spring Celebration 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

OTHER

NEXT MEETING

May 16,2018 at 6:00 pm at Fort Taber Community Center

Park Board Retreat 4/28/18 at 9:00 am at the Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Administration Offices

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn at 7:59 pm by Elaine Safioleas. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare, Unanimously Approved

A true record attests _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Peter Boswell