



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Fort Taber Community Center
1000 South Rodney French Blvd
New Bedford, MA 02744

October 17, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:09pm

ROLL CALL Elaine Safioleas, Peter Boswell, Paula Robinson Deare.
Diane Berube was not present.

ALSO PRESENT Mary Rapoza-Director, Rachel Mulroy-Fiscal Oper. & Facil. Mgr., Cathy Beltran-Park Ambassador

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES NONE AT THIS TIME

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Park Board to vote to save dates for the following 2019 events:
 - a. 2nd Annual "A Walk in My Shoes" @ Fort Taber and Harbor Walk on 5/5/19
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
 - b. Shakespeare in the Park @ Custom House Sq. on 8/05-8/11/19
Paula Robinson Deare motioned to save the date. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
2. The Park Board will continue discussion on Memorials and Dedications and possible final vote on the policy and procedure.

A discussion was held regarding park benches, memorial trees, and plaques. It was stated that Sylvain Nursery is well stocked in types of trees and wholesale prices are good. Vendors guarantee trees for 1 year at retail prices, not wholesale prices. There was a consensus that plaques will not be placed on trees.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file pictures and prices of bench. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to receive and place on file tree pricing remains what is stated by Parks Recreation and Beaches. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas. Unanimously approved. Motion carries.

Plaques will not be guaranteed and can be expensive. No guarantee on trees. Encourage residents to care for tree information on website or New Bedford Beautiful brochure. Expressly note the need to follow Master Plan. Mary to look into the "bench" language in the Master Plan.

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Elaine Safioleas motioned to table vote on Memorials. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve tree pricing supplied by Sylvain Nursery and bench and plaque prices supplied by Mary Rapoza, which coincides with Dept. of Public Infrastructure standards. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

3. Park Board to begin forming a committee to develop the Grilling policy for parks starting spring 2019. Elaine Safioleas motioned to place on file the unofficial petition collected by Joe Gomes to all grilling in Hazelwood Parks. 2nd Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

The committee will consist of the following members:

NBFP Fire Prevention (1)
Park Board (1)
Dept. of Public Infrastructure (1)
New Bedford Police Dept. (1)
Friends of Buttonwood (1)
Friends of Hazelwood (1)
Friends of Clarks Point (1)
City Councilor (1)
Residents (4)
Park Ambassador (1)

Try to schedule meeting 2nd week in November. Be sure to advertise when the meetings will be held. Mary Rapoza will reach out to Marci Pina to discuss the process to be used in the selection of the 4 city residents.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayflower Events sent information to become a wedding vendor for our parks. Needs to be a public process. Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare accepted by all.

Family Fun Day sponsored by ABC Disposal at Monte Park 10/20/18. Event never filed for permit for use of park, Will be serving food, music, games, and bounce house. Will be planting trees, shrubs, flowers, or vegetables seeds. Mary has reached out to event coordinator Buddy Andrade with no response. Mary has spoken to Solicitors office and is waiting for response. Mary received the flyer yesterday.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned for a Cease and Desist order based on Rules and Regulation of the Park Board Permission and Liability/. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

OTHER

Park Board Retreat is planned for 2/16/19 at Low Tide Yacht Club @ 9am to 12pm. Be sure to have gluten free and vegetarian.

Chairman Boswell wants to go on record to have the city council approve the memorials and dedications before the Park Board approves.

NEXT MEETING Nov. 14, 2018 @ 6pm Fort Taber Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN 6:56 pm Paula Robinson Deare motioned to adjourn meeting. 2nd Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

A true record attests Peter Boswell

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

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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.*

