

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2016

The Park Commission held a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th, 2016 at their office located at 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Keane. Present were Commissioners Chickie Studenski, Billy Anderson, Ulisses Varela, Stephen Pina and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter.

The following attended: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
City Councilor Win Farwell
City Councilor Tom Monahan
City Councilor Shayna Barnes
Ted Mansulla, Resident & President of Brockton A's
Brenda Pieini, Resident & Member of Edgars Park Association
Charles Tartaglia, Resident & Owner of George's Café.
John Hayes, Resident & Member of Edgars Park Association

Chairman Keane opened up the discussion pertaining to the USE/PERMITTING OF ATHLETIC FIELDS.

Mayor Carpenter discussed the shortage and lack of availability of Soccer Fields. He requested that the Park Commission to develop one soccer field for immediate use and one or two in the near future.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that there are four fields presently "permissible" for Soccer including Snow Park, East Junior High, Hillstrom Farm and Parmenters. He proposed that Tukis Field, Walkers Playground or O'Donnell's have the space to provide for the sport, but would need substantial work to meet the criteria.

Councilor Farwell stated that he would be in favor of a "one time capital" for an additional soccer field, but against converting Edgars Park's Baseball field into a Soccer Field.

Commissioner Studenski stated that the Park Department is in dire need of equipment and additional employees if new soccer facilities were made.

Councilor Barnes questioned the cost and expenses of additional or conversions of soccer fields. Superintendent Timothy Carpenter explained that he felt that O'Donnell's would be most cost prohibited of the proposed three sites. The Mayor stated that he conversed with members of the US Soccer Foundation about grant requests from the foundation or the New England Revolution. Councilor Barnes inquired about CBGB funds and the Use of Hotel/Motel Taxes. Councilor Farwell explained that there would be no restriction of the use of Hotel/Motel Tax revenue according to the Chief Financial Officer.

Councilor Monahan stated that he would be in favor of additional soccer fields, but against converting Edgars Park's Baseball field into a Soccer Field.

Chairman Keane read letters of opposition from State Representative Michelle Dubois and Councilor Robert Sullivan pertaining to the conversion of Edgars Park's Baseball field into a Soccer Field.

Commissioner Pina inquired about future use of Edgars Park verses its historical value and conditions of needles in the City's parks.

Mr. Tartaglia discussed the past and present league usage of Edgar's Baseball Leagues.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina for the Superintendent to review and propose to the Park Commission additional space that can be provided for Soccer Fields. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina to continue the discussion and add to the Park Commission's Agenda for its scheduled April meeting. Motion carried.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks