

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2016

The Park Commission held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016 in the GAR Room at City Hall - 45 School Street, 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

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. Councilor Monahan reconfirmed Edgar's Park as a premier baseball field.

Superintendent Carpenter stated that there are presently two parks which the configuration would meet the regulation size Soccer Field. These are O'Donnell's Playground and Walker Playground. Mayor Carpenter and Superintendent Carpenter presented the Commission with the long term and short term ideas. As for Walker's Playground, the Mayor would like for that location to be a "Soccer Complex". It would be a two year project, which he would direct the Brockton Redevelopment Authority to apply for a State PARC GRANT. This grant would provide approximately 75% funding and he would allocate CBGB Funds for the difference.

Mayor Carpenter stated that if they got the PARC Grant or not, the City would consider this a 2 year project financed by the City.

As for O'Donnell's, the configuration is 300 yards by 75 yards. Superintendent Carpenter stated that he would have to shut down the field by Mid September to seed in October. The approximate cost would be \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Studenski for the planning and development of a Soccer Field at O'Donnell's Playground. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina for the planning and development of a Soccer Field at Walker's Playground. Motion carried.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Pina to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks