

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2016

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9th, 2016 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chickie Studenski. Present were Commissioners Billy Anderson, Ulisses Varela, Stephen Pina and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Chairman Bill Keane being absent.

The following attended: Robert Golka, Leo Babinski, Nolan Napier and Jeffrey Shaw of Brockton, MA
Paul Coutoumas, Golf Pro of DWFGC
Kurt Calderwood, Superintendent of Golf/Asst Superintendent of Parks

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to take the naming of the park at the Ralsco Site off the table to discuss. Motion carried

A discussion was held pertaining to naming of the park at the Ralsco Site. Mr. Golka and Mr. Babinski presented their opinion that the park should be called "UFO Park". Superintendent Carpenter expressed his opinion was that he felt that the name was not appropriate and past practice of naming a park was for Brocktonians that served the community or the nation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Pina to currently keep the name of the site as "Ralsco Site" until an official name is given to the site. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to Brockton Youth Soccer seeking a dedicated location for their program. Mr. Napier and Mr. Shaw recommended that the dedicated location would be Hillstrom Farm. Superintendent Carpenter stated that parking would be a serious issue and the approximately cost of a road for the facility would be \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Varela for the Superintendent to research the feasibility of one of the City's parks as an exclusive Youth Soccer facility. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the conditions and revenues of DW Field Golf Course. He stated that May's revenues were \$104,006 whereas May, 2015 was \$123,522. The sixteen year average for May was \$101,556. As for FY16 up to the end of May, the generated revenue is \$772,115 whereas FY15 was \$800,742. He reported that May, 2015 had 5 Fridays which averaged \$3,053 and this May had 4 Fridays which averaged \$3,452. We offer fair and reasonable rates which are less than any local competitor. As for the conditions of the Golf Course, upgrades and conditions have greatly improved and Mr. Calderwood stated that they are on the summer month's maintenance schedule, which includes a lot of mowing and trimming. The City's Four Ball is scheduled for June 24th.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission due to the issue of outside alcohol being brought to the golf course and of high traffic of golf carts and vehicles in the parking lot, he requested from the Commission that there should be no golf carts allowed in the parking lot.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to not allow golf carts in the Parking Lot of D.W. Field Golf Course. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission of the FY17 Park Department Budget. The temporary seasonal line item has been cut to zero and the Golf Course Improvement line item has been slashed from \$50,000 to \$11,000. The approved budget contained 12 new golf carts, a pickup truck, a new sprayer and continued cart path and bunker work.

As for the Parks, work at O'Donnell's will start in the upcoming week and the mound will be taken out for the planned soccer field. Ralsco Site currently needs landscaping and electrical work which is scheduled to be done by the end of the month by the contractor. Park Department is behind on maintenance work due to an employee, who is at the cemetery because of a Cemetery employee on worker's compensation. As for Keith Park, the City has received a \$380,000 grant, but the Keith Park Association would like the fountain repaired at a cost of \$120,000 - \$150,000.

The Manning Pool is scheduled to open on June 24th. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts upgraded the play equipment and other structures. The hours of operation are Monday to Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00pm. The Superintendent addressed the fee structure for the pool.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to allow the Superintendent authority to set the rates at the Manning Pool. Motion Carried.

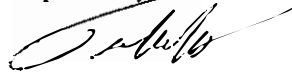
The Cosgrove Pool and the Splash Pad at Edgars is scheduled to open on July 1st. They will be opened until the middle of August from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Carpenter addressed the request of the Italian/American War Veterans who would like permission to install a 18" x 24" sign at Upper Porter Pond where their memorial is located.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to allow the Italian American War Veterans to place and install the sign under the direction of the Superintendent. Motion Carried.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Pina and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks