## MINUTES PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2015

The Park Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th, 2015 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, Chris Connolly and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Absent was Commissioner Ulisses Varela.

Present: George Haikal and Attorney John McCluskey of Brockton, MA.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to accept the minutes of the September 10th, 2015 meetings as written. Motion carried.

A presentation was brought in front of the Commission by Mr. Haikal and Attorney McCluskey on behalf of Brad Cartwright, who would like to construct a strip mall on the land previously owned by Frederick Hebshie and Joseph Nessarella. They would like the Park Commission to allow development within the 100 foot setback required for commercial development adjacent to park property as set forth in the City of Brockton Ordinances. The contractor would be liable for landscaping around the property especially on the western property line next to abandoned entrance of the Park.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to TABLE the approval until additional information is available for the Park Commission's review. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the revenues and conditions of D.W. Field Golf Course. Superintendent Carpenter reported that the September's revenues were in total \$113,522 compared to approximately \$98,000 last September. It was the second best September in the last 15 years. The 15 year average for the month of September is \$95,881. He stated that the revenues from Opening Day to end the September this year is \$686,000 compared to last year revenues of \$608,000. He reported that aeration at DW Field Golf Course was highly successful and 72 tons of sand was used. The intake valve from Upper Porter's Pond needs to be dredged and approval is needed from Conservation Commission for the work to proceed. The position of Greenskeeper vacated by the promotion of John Colitti has been granted to Mr. Michael Saleeba. His start date is October 26, 2015. Superintendent Carpenter discussed the advertising and internet specials with radio and Golf Now bookings, which their contract expires in March. Online booking increased from 5% to 8% from last year. Superintendent Carpenter recommended that the Commission discuss these issues in the November/December meeting.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on Towerfest's preparations. The new tractor is scheduled to arrive next week and that Snow Park and Hillstrom has been over seeded. He was looking into new software for Park Scheduling and Permitting.

A discussion was held on future permitting and use of City Hall Plaza.

Motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson for the Superintendent to permit City Hall Plaza for Mayor's Office and City Council events only. Motion carried.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Connolly to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks