

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2019

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th, 2019 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Keane. Present were Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Commissioner Chickie Studenski, Commissioner Kevin Borges and Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Commissioner Billy Anderson being absent.

Present: Ms. Cynthia Kostka, Brockton, MA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to accept the minutes of the August 8th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to National's Grid request of a Right of Easement for GAR Park. The purpose is to alleviate the exploding manhole problem in the downtown area. The request is to put above ground equipment which includes a 20' x 4' transformer in the park 10 feet off the curb.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Studenski to allow National Grid to perform work at GAR Park and accept the Right of Easement with the following stipulations:

- 1. The installation of 4" green chain link fencing around the equipment with gate.*
- 2. Replacement of all hardscapes materials including restoration and cleanup to prior condition.*
- 3. Removal of two trees along south end of park.*
- 4. Installation of cautionary signage around equipment.*

Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the revenue and condition of D.W. Field Golf Course. August's revenues were \$191,702 which is up \$41,942 from last August. The 19 year average is \$124,084. As for the current season, revenues stand at \$849,357. Last year's revenues were \$759,633 for the same time period, an increase of over \$90,000.

Aeration was successful. One of the irrigation pumps has loss a fourth seal within the last year. Plans are to revamp the pump during the upcoming winter. Trees suffering around the 9th hole and 13th were addressed through pruning, but replaced 16 Maples and 7 Norwegian Spruces during this current year. Utilizing capital funds for the Cart Path and approximately twenty 2012 Carts. Cart paths are being redesigned on the 6th and 15th holes. Temporary Tee are on the 11th hole will be installed to defer golf balls from hitting homes.

The Golf Course has been booked with many returning tournaments. Rangering issues have gotten better which is reflected in the increased number of rounds especially on the weekends. An additional Greenskeeper has been hired.

Chairman Keane opened a discussion about the gate openings and closing on weekends at DW Field Park. The issue will be added to the next scheduled Park Commission's Meeting Agenda.

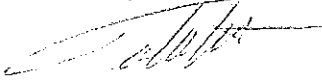
As for the Pools, Cosgrove and Manning Pool closed on August 25th. The entrance fees for the Manning Pool were \$36,183. The School Department increased the salary of the lifeguards considerably, which Superintendent Carpenter requested that the entrance fees may have to go up next season to reflect the salary increase. This issue was deferred to a meeting prior to the opening of the pools next season.

As for the Parks, Goodwin's Basketball courts have been completed with the exception of the lines. Bent Playground demo is to start in September or October. An arborist will be brought in for trees at Walker's Playground due to a resident's complaint. The state had approved a \$100,000 appropriation for Hancock Park and Timothy Hollister Park improvements. The fountain at Keith Park will be closed down in October foliage and drain issues.

At the Superintendent's invitation and with Park Commission's approval, Ms. Kostka was allowed to speak. She complained to the Park Commission of issues at the Cosgrove Pool and Snow Park.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Varela to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks