

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2021

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14th, 2021 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Keane. Present were Commissioner Charles Studenski, Commissioner Kevin Borges, Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter. Commissioner Billy Anderson being absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Borges to accept the minutes of the September 9th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

A discussion was held of the ongoing issues in regards to Parmenter Park by the permittee, South Shore Amateur Soccer League. No representative of the league appeared as invited.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Borges for the Park Department not to issue any permit to South Shore Amateur Soccer League for the 2022 Season. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission on the Golf Course. The golf course's revenue for September, 2021 was \$192,420 down \$57,864 from September, 2020. Even with the negative number, it is still the second-best September on record. The year to date revenues are \$1,283,048 compared to last years' year to date was \$1,282,962. This is an increase of \$86.00 He reported that the Tees have been aerated, seeded & top-dressed. He is currently working on the RFP contract for Golf Management Services. He is working on upgrades to the clubhouse including painting it the original colors of grey with yellow trim plus new windows using ARPA monies. The homeless who has been homesteading on the 3rd Hole has been removed.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission ongoing work with line painting and planting new vegetation at City Hall at the Mayor's request. Clearing Salisbury Park and Snow Park of overgrown vegetation to discourage the large homeless population. Due to overlooked scheduling error, Middle School Sports is using O'Donnell's Soccer Field until November 2nd. The Brockton Raiders Youth Football have applied and granted a permit to utilize the fields at Parmenter's. Pedestrian & Bike Lane stencils have been purchased for road painting at DW Field Park.

Superintendent Carpenter is researching a slice seeder for the back of a tractor. This would seed facilities at least twice a year. Researching long-term herbicide for crab grass in the infields that will not be detrimental to the players. Due to staffing issues with DPW Refuse, Park employees have been currently picking up trash at Perkins, Edgars, Ash Street and East Middle School.

Commissioner Varela inquired about the Welcome Center at DW Field Park. Superintendent Carpenter reported that the 22 x 18 building will be used for the DW Field Park Association for their events and meetings. There will be heat, air condition and be made handicapped accessible in the building. The burden for janitorial services will be incumbent on the Park Association. The work will be financed by ARPA funds. There is discussion on future expansion of the parking lot possibly funded in part by the Land Conservation Grant Fund.

Commissioner Varela stated his concerns about the neighboring properties around Tartaglia Park being an "eyesore" with on-going garbage issues. Superintendent Carpenter stated that he would bring up the issue with the Quality of Life Task Force.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Borges to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks