

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 18th, 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 Billy Anderson, Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter and Head Clerk Rene Brown. Commissioner Kevin Borges being absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

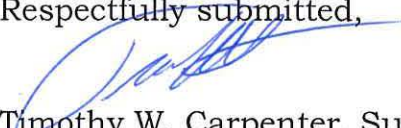
A presentation was provided by Susie Lorde, Arts in the Park. Her organization would like to add murals of Recovery Art with the use of youth groups. The parks that she requested were O'Donnell's, Edgars or Keith. It would be diverse and include multiple languages. Commissioner Studenski inquired about material used and if it would be permanently placed or temporarily. Chairman Keane was adamant about no political or questionable messaging. Discussion Closed, no motion made.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission on the Golf Course. The golf course's revenue for October, 2021 was \$150,867 down \$26,804 from October, 2020. It was the second-best October on record. The year to date revenues are \$1,358,175 compared to last years' year to date was \$1,385,817. This is a decrease of \$27,642. Overall Northeast Region is down between 8 to 12 % from last year. The RFP contract for Golf Management Services will be put out to bid in a few days with the hope that it is due by mid-December. The late October Storm Damage was significant, which led to 16 trees loss. Homeless people were occupying the 3rd and 4th Hole, but are more prevalent at the south side of DW Field Park.

Superintendent Carpenter reported to the Commission about the overall damage to the City Parks due to the storm. There were approximately 35 trees loss at DW Field Park, fencing damage at other parks and leaf cleanup. The Welcome Center is coming along. The irrigation systems in the parks have been drained, but there is a significant leak in City Hall's system. There will be new trail head markers and user-friendly trails due to the Mass Trails Grant. Commissioner Varela inquired about beautifying the entrance of DW Field Park by making flowerbeds near the pillars. Superintendent Carpenter will look to hire a local landscaper in the spring.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Studenski and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks