

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2022

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th, 2022 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA and VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Studenski. Present were Commissioner Billy Anderson, Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Commissioner Kevin Borges, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter, and Head Clerk Rene Brown.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Borges to accept the minutes of the June 13th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

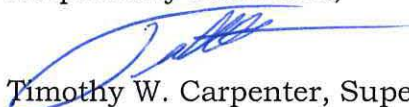
A discussion of the permit issued to Brockton Sunday League for use of the soccer field at O'Donnell's Playground. Several complaints of the area residents were presented to the Commission. Mr. Gilson Gomes, League Director of the Brockton Sunday League explained that this is his first year coordinating the league which currently has seven teams with 30 players per team. Commissioner Borges brought up police details to do crowd control. Mr. Gomes explained that there is no money for police details as monies have been earmarked for other expenses. Mr. Gomes stated that he would make sure that the league's future planning will allow for police detail expenses. Superintendent Carpenter stated that he has been in contact with Brockton Police and the league about the complaints and has requested directed patrols. The Commission will monitor the situation and allow the league to stay for the rest of this year's permit barring any other issues.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the Golf Course. The golf course's revenue for July, 2022 were \$261,555 which is up from \$190,900 in July, 2021. This is the second-best July on record. The year to date total is \$1,052,978 which is up from \$934,891 in 2021. The golf course may run a twilight special in September, walking only. The pumps broke in a middle of this current drought which leads to decrease water usage. The Cart Path Project has been completed. The bid opening for the Net Project came in and the apparent low bidder was Green Acres who will be installing 85 foot poles.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the parks and pools. The pool season will be ending on August 21st. He is currently in talks with the designers for the upgrade at the Cosgrove Pool. This will be funded by the Federal Appropriation of up to four million dollars. The splash pad will stay on until Labor Day weekend. The Keith Park fountain has been shut down due to the malfunction of the pump. Edgar Playground still have continuing policing issues, which the police chief has been notified. Commissioner Varela inquired about gates and parking issues at DW Field Park. Superintendent Carpenter discussed a water and land infrastructure grant from Wildland Trust that would include solutions to the infrastructure and parking issues.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks