

MINUTES  
PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th, 2023 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 Ulisses Varela, Commissioner Billy Anderson, Commissioner Kevin Borges, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter, and Head Clerk Rene Brown.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the minutes of the November 10th, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.***

A discussion was heard concerning the 2023 Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedule for the City's Parks. Superintendent Carpenter suggest that we keep all everything the same as last year with the exception of the electricity charge at Tukis Park. Due to the higher rates of electricity and last year permittee's lack of responsibility of the lights; it was recommended that the rate goes from \$20.00 a night to \$50.00 a night. It was suggested that all Adult Leagues be charged a deposit for incidentals such as unusually high trash or damage to City property.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjust the Electricity Charge at Tukis Playground from \$20.00 a night to \$50.00 a night. Motion carried.***

***Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Varela to make no changes to the Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedule. Motion carried***

A discussion was heard concerning the 2023 Golf Rates at D.W. Field Golf Course. Superintendent Carpenter recommended that the due to the record setting year that we had in 2022; he would suggest that no changes be made to 2023 Golf Rates.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to keep the current rates for the 2023 Golf Season at D.W. Field Golf Course. Motion carried.***

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the Golf Course's present conditions. He met with a tree company to survey trees along the 9th tee and the removal of limbs along Oak Street including a tree around the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. The equipment is being revitalized, window replacements and a deck near the cart barn are in design. There are 3 interviews scheduled next week for the open Greenskeeper position. Scheduled opening of the Golf course will be the middle to end of March. The Netting Project has been delayed due to shipping issues of the poles from Canada.

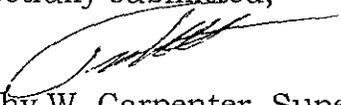
Superintendent Carpenter reported on Snow Clock. He is actively working with the Montello Business Association for a Mass Preservation Grant. This grant is due on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and he would like a letter of support from the Commission. The Grant is up to \$25,000 with a 50% match from the City. The restoration of the clock is approximately \$5,000 from the clockmaker who has been servicing the clock since the 1980's.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the City's Parks. He is looking into pruning and trimming the dead wood on the islands on Oak Street. The homeless is still in the park and he is continually working with the Mayor's Outreach Program. The Town of Avon is applying for a grant for Pedestrian & Safety Improvements for D.W. Field Park. The Welcome Center may have to be demolished and rebuilt due to overwhelming cost of refinishing the present building. A Federal Delegation will be in Brockton on February 24<sup>th</sup> for a site visit at the Cosgrove Pool and the 3.5-million-dollar federal grant acceptance for the Pool. The pool will not be in service for this upcoming summer.

The FY24 Budget has been submitted with the request of a 9% increase across the board due to inflation and an additional maintenance man position. He rented a bucket truck for two weeks to prune low hanging branches on the southside of DW Field Park. With the request of Commissioner Varela, we are going to purchase a fountain for Upper Porter Pond. This would be beneficial to the Irrigation system at the Golf Course. Commissioner Anderson requests that the gates at O'Donnell get locked up at night.

***Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Borges to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks