

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 18TH, 2023

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

Present: Patrick Quinn, President of the DW Field Park Association
Jamal Braithwaite, Treasurer of the DW Field Park Association

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the March 9th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

A discussion was heard concerning D.W. Field Park Association's request for food trucks at movie nights. Mr. Quinn stated that BEMA would allow use of their light trailer and Brockton Police would patrol the area. The food trucks would be parked in the maintenance garage parking lots and would be leaving during the film. DW Field Park Association will be responsibility for any and all garbage associated with their event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Varela to allow food trucks at D.W. Field Park Association's eight scheduled movie nights only for 2023. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the Golf Course's revenues. The revenue for April, 2023 was \$191,271 which is an increase of \$37,984 from last year. This is the best April since 2001. The year to date so far is \$313,534 which is \$17,352 higher than last year. Fiscal Year 2023 has come in at \$1,284,645 as of this time. This is \$176,313 more than FY2022.

As for the condition of DW Field Golf course, it sustained some damage due to the mild winter. They had completed irrigation and sod work. Deep tined and top dressed greens and tees. He is looking into the possibility of a deck off of the clubhouse next to the Lunchroom and 18th green. The DPW and Superintendent Carpenter is trying to regulate the water flow because Fuller Craft Museum's property is flooding. The cart fleet is aging. Councilor Varela inquired about the First Tee Program and the influence it has on Brockton Youth. It was told that Brockton Public Schools chose not to pursue the program.

Superintendent Carpenter reported on the City's Parks and Playgrounds. The park employees are maintaining the fields. He received a new pickup that was requested in FY22. Brookfield state appropriation has been spent. Opening for the Manning Pool is scheduled for June 23rd as the Cosgrove will be closed for the upcoming pool season. The KaBoom Grant is for free play equipment that he earmarked for Old Gilmore Playground off Spring Ave. The DW Welcome Center site will be demolished and rebuilt by Southeastern Regional High School students in the fall. The homeless issue at DW Park is still on-going. The Town of Avon will be applying for grants and a safety study to be used near the South

Street side of the park. The park staff installed new pedestrian and vehicular traffic signs at the park.

Superintendent Carpenter would like to invite Attorney McCluskey to address the property located at 609 Pleasant Street at the next Park Commission meeting.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy W. Carpenter', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks