

MINUTES  
PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2023

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Administrative Assistant Rene' Brown.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the August 10th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.***

Mr. Patrick Quinn being unavailable, the Superintendent discussed the annual Towerfest festivities planned for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He stated that the Park Department's obligations were to supply additional portapotties, rental of additional two four-person carts and staff to help clean and set up before and after the event. The granting of selling food at this specific event had been "grandfathered". All monies which is generated from the event eventually goes back into the park from the D.W. Park Association.

The Superintendent discussed the Golf Pro's report which showed 36 days had rained. Of those 36 days, 33 of those days had no carts and the course were closed for 3 days. The Mayor's Cup is scheduled for September 22 which included the South Shore Arc event.

The Superintendent reported that the golf course revenues for August, 2023 was \$237,166. This is \$6,727 decrease from August 2022. The five-year average is \$209,992. This made it the 3<sup>rd</sup> best August on record. The year to date is \$1,267,608 which is \$47,415 decrease of 2022. From September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup> the revenue is \$123,373 which is down \$22,494 from this time last year. According to the weather service, this year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> rainiest year in record-keeping.

The golf course was aerated in August with solid tines. The upcoming fall/winter projects include, but not limited to significant drainage work, leveling and re-sodding tees, address the walkways and window replacing with the approval of the Mass Historical Association. The Green Team planted new beds along the front of the entrance to DW Field Park and adjacent golf course.

As for the parks, ARPA funding will be used to update and renovate eight parks. This includes additional parking, replacing and installing play equipment and basketball backboards and other considerable renovations. Over thirty firms pulled specifications and the quotes are due by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 11:00 PM.

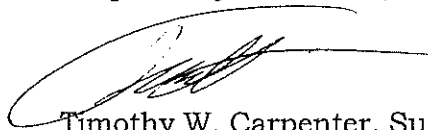
The groundbreaking at the Cosgrove Pool was held. We received the new Park Dump truck. The Park employees are keeping up with general maintenance, mowing and care of the fields for middle school sports and fall ball. Issues around the unhoused

continue with constant activity at Perkins Park, Crescent and Grove, Salisbury Park and DW Field Park. A Commission Fair will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Brockton Public Library.

The Superintendent reported that he received requests from Brockton Garden Club to put a storage container in the back of the Park Office and that Councilor Lally would like to name the play area at Mulberry Playground. The Commission directed the Superintendent to invite them to the next scheduled meeting to discuss their requests.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks