

MINUTES  
PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2023

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Studenski. Present were Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Commissioner Kevin Borges, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter and Administrative Assistant Rene' Brown. Commissioner Billy Anderson being absent.

Invited: Anne Beauregard, President of Brockton Garden Club

***Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the September 21st, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.***

Motion was made to Postpone Agenda Item #2 until the next scheduled Park Commission Meeting.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Borges to postpone Agenda Item #2 until the next scheduled Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.***

A discussion was held pertaining to the acceptance of Marvelous Marvin Hagler Park located between Petronelli Way and Franklin Street. Superintendent Carpenter reported that funding for this park came from grants, appropriations and other City Department's money. Minimal weekly maintenance would be required at this park due to its size. Marvelous Marvin Hagler's statue would be delivered prior to the completion of the park which is scheduled for Spring, 2024.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept Marvelous Marvin Hagler Park as a City Park. Motion carried.***

A discussion was held pertaining to the Brockton Garden Club's request of placing their storage container at the Park Department's Office located at 45 Meadow Lane. Ms. Beauregard reported that the Club has been renting a storage unit. It would be more cost-efficient if they were able to have a container at the Park Department Office where their annual Garden Show is held every May. Superintendent Carpenter said he would like two conditions met. 1. Move the container off property if need be 2. Their access would only be during office hours.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Borges to allow the Brockton Garden Club to have their storage container stored at the Park Department's Office with accepted conditions. Motion carried.***

The Superintendent discussed the Golf Pro's report which showed 43 days that the course has been impacted by rain. Of those 43 days, 38 had no carts, 2 shorten days and 3 days closed. Brockton High School and Cardinal Spellman High School continue to use the golf course as it's "home" course. Stonehill College Women's golf program has signed on with a contracted fee.

The Superintendent reported that the golf course revenues for September, 2023 were \$175,079. This is \$35,795 decrease from September 2022. The five-year average is \$198,718. The year to date is \$1,404,251 which is \$41,933 decrease from 2023.

The golf course suffered two incidences of damage. The first was due to people playing soccer on the third green and another group of people gathering after their tournament who were "slip and sliding" across the 18<sup>th</sup> green. The netting project has been completed, but the lower section needed more netting to be added due to errant golf shots. This is being done inhouse and three out of five sections have been completed to date.

The Golf Pro would like to exercise the final year of the Golf Management Services contract.

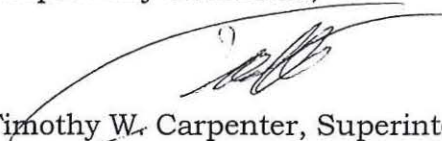
***Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Borges to exercise the one-year option to extend the Golf Management Services to Performance Golf Management, Paul Coutoumas. Motion carried. The Superintendent will notify the Chief Procurement Officer of the Commission's decision.***

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the Cosgrove Pool demolition has started. Two issues were found upon demolition. 1. There was significant damage to the roof and 2. There may be asbestos in the coating of the pool. He stated that he would forward more information as he gets it to the Commission.

As for the parks, bid packages went out and received for ARPA funded improvements to various parks. The proposed lowest bidder is the same contractor for all the ARPA funded Park Projects including Hillstrom Farm Park. Contracts are to be signed by November. Towerfest went on even in the light rain with no incidences. Issues around the unhoused continue with constant activity at Perkins Park, Crescent and Grove, Hillstrom Park, Salisbury Park and DW Field Park. Some encampments are now around the George and Brookfield Schools. There is a case in front of the appellate court whereas if a community cannot provide alternative housing, then the community cannot remove individuals and take their possessions. However, a community can enforce the enforceable laws.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks