

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30th, 2023 in their office, 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Billy Anderson. Present were Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Commissioner Kevin Borges, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter and Administrative Assistant Rene' Brown. Chairman Charles Studenski being absent.

Invited: Ward Six Councilor Jack Lally

Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the October 12th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to a request to dedicate the play area of Mulberry Street Playground to Mr. John Thomas. Councilor Lally presented to the Commission the achievements of Mr. Thomas, who was an Olympian and a lifelong resident of the City. He lived across the street from Mulberry Street Playground. He was on the Board of Library Trustees and a community leader. Superintendent Carpenter stated that Chairman Studenski does not have any objections to this request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the request to dedicate the play area of Mulberry Street Playground to Mr. John Thomas. Motion carried.

A discussion was held pertaining to a request to dedicate the soccer field of Hillstrom Farm Park to Mr. George Cataldo. Councilor Lally presented to the Commission the achievements of Mr. Cataldo, who served as Ward 6 councilor then as an at-large councilor. He is credited for playing an instrumental role in bringing Hillstrom Farm as a City Park. He also worked as an assistant for several former mayors. Superintendent Carpenter stated that Chairman Studenski does not have any objections to this request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Borges to accept the request to dedicate the soccer field of Hillstrom Farm Park to Mr. George Cataldo. Motion carried.

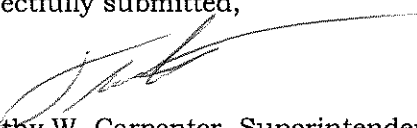
The Superintendent discussed the Golf Pro's report which showed the results of the survey that was conducted. It showed that 258 people responded. Overall, 95% voted that the conditions of the golf course and the pro shop had an average of 4.5 out of 5. The only negative comments were pertaining to the golf carts.

The Superintendent reported that the golf course revenues for October, 2023 were \$192,761 which is an increase of \$33,893 from October, 2022. November, 2023 was \$82,393 which is a decrease of \$4,170 from November, 2022. The five-year average is \$198,718. The year to date is \$1,594,423 which is \$30,993 decrease from 2022. This is the second-best year on record. Reconstruction of the 8th Tee and 10th Hole has been completed in-house. The RFP for Operation of the Lunch Room will be out by the end of December.

Superintendent Carpenter updated the Commission about the Cosgrove Pool. He presented photos of the Cosgrove Pool demolition. Completion of the project is still scheduled prior to the Summer of 2024. The Park employees are still doing leaf cleanup and starting the snow equipment preparations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Borges and seconded by Commissioner Varela to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks