

MINUTES
PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2025

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 in their office, located at 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 Michael Avilla, Commissioner Billy Anderson, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter and Administrative Assistant Rene' Brown.

Invited: Patrick Quinn, DW Field Park Association

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Varela to accept the minutes of the January 8th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

A presentation of the DW Field Park Association was made by its president, Patrick Quinn. He spoke about four issues pertaining to the park and the Association. First, the Park Association was granted a \$30,000 reimbursement grant from Massachusetts DCR for the Tower. He requested help with the initial financing from the DW Field Trust and then the trust would be reimbursed back its money. Secondly, Mr. Quinn asked for assistance with the expense of purchasing dog waste bags to be used in their dispensers. Thirdly, Mr. Quinn submitted an estimated proposal for security doors and such for the Welcome Center. An agreement will be entertained in the near future about the management and operation of the Welcome Center. Lastly, the 100th year Celebration of DW Field Park. Mr. Quinn would like to have a week-long schedule of entertainment including crafters and food trucks tentatively set for August 17th to August 23rd, 2025. Superintendent Carpenter told Mr. Quinn that he would have to look into the logistics of all those ideas that he mentioned.

A discussion was held for the Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedule for the Park and League Permits. Due to the considerable amount of trash left behind after such events, Superintendent Carpenter recommended a \$150.00 deposit would be held for Park events of more than 50 people in attendance. It will be added to the current Park, Gazebo and City Hall Plaza application. As for current Park and League Fees, he does not recommend any changes to the fee schedule at this time.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Avilla to adopt a \$150.00 refundable deposit to be held for Park events of more than 50 people in attendance. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Anderson for no additional changes to the Park General Rules, Regulations and Fee schedule. Motion carried.

A discussion was held for the setting of rates for the 2025 Golf Season at DW Field Golf Course. Superintendent Carpenter submitted information of other golf courses in the area for comparison and read a letter from Ms. Kelly Hanlon asking for Senior Rates to stay the same. Chairman Studenski did inquire about fees for out of town residents.

Motion was made by Commissioner Avilla and seconded by Commissioner Varela to keep the rates the same for the 2025 Golf Rates for DW Field Golf Course. Motion carried.

Superintendent Carpenter presented more information to the Commission about advertisement with Eventv from the January meeting. Commissioner Avilla believes that the expense of the advertisement isn't worth it over Word of Mouth. Commissioner Varela stated that money needed to be spent on advertisement for the brand. Superintendent Carpenter suggested they look over the information he provided and a decision can be made at the March Commission Meeting.

Superintendent Carpenter reported that the Dead Birds that were tested came back positive for Avian Flu. Further testing is being done for which strain it is. The Park was re-opened after the employees roped off certain parts of Upper and Lower Porter Ponds and Waldo Lake. There have been several people still walking on the ice which has been reported to the police.

As for the Golf Course, the Golf Management Services Contract has been signed and executed. Club Prophet is still our Tee Sheet provider as now our credit card provider. The Golf Superintendent and the Golf General Foreman will be attending the Turf Show in Providence, RI this year for seminars and continuing educational credit that is needed for their Commercial Pesticides license. The Kubota tractor is down from the last snow storm. Doyle's on the Green has received their Insurance and liquor license for this upcoming year.

The Park Supplemental Budget of \$268,000 has passed through the Finance Committee. The FY26 Park Department Budget requests have been submitted with FY24 Budget numbers.

Commissioner Varela inquired about the homeless population in the parks. Superintendent Carpenter reported about 10 different tent sites with drug paraphernalia in or about the area and then proceeded to discuss the different steps that has to happen before the site can be cleaned up.

Motion was made by Commissioner Avilla and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks