

MINUTES  
PARK COMMISSION  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

The Park Commission held their Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12th, 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 Billy Anderson, Commissioner Paul Tantillo, Commissioner Michael Avilla, Commissioner Ulisses Varela, Superintendent Timothy W. Carpenter and Administrative Assistant Rene' Brown.

Present: Stephen Pina – Ward One School Committee Member

***Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Avilla to accept the minutes of the November 12th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.***

A discussion was held on the presentation of Mr. Pina for his proposed improvement named "Hancock Family Park Project". His vision would include a redesign and rededication of Hancock Park into a "high-use, multi-generational public park that honors the civic legacy of the Hancock Family and provides Ward One with a safe, attractive and community-centered recreation space". This could include pickleball courts, outdoor performance pavilion, walking and fitness loop, playground improvements, Lighting and ADA pathways and a Hancock Family rededication plaza. This project is estimated to cost between \$2.6 to 3.8 Million dollars. Commissioner Tantillo asked why the re-dedication? Commissioner Varela inquired about community input. Chairman Studenski asked about limited parking. Commissioner Anderson inquired about responsibility of the grants. The Commission asked Mr. Pina to update the financial information pertaining to his project for a future discussion.

A discussion was held pertaining to the annual review of Park Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedule. Superintendent Carpenter discussed the current status of the General Rules of the City Parks, including but not limited to Leagues and field space. The changes included the following:

**Applications must be received 7 days prior to the event.**

Under **2026 General Rules and Regulations of Parks and Playgrounds.**

- ADD - Permit period is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- ADD - "Violations of rules and regulations may result in the field use permit being revoked, future permit denial..."
- ADD - Anyone found within a Park between dusk and dawn could be subject to trespassing charges.
- ADD - "Prior approval for use of propane grills in any other park is required."
- REPLACE "No Public Drinking" with "Possession and Consumption of Alcohol and/or Drugs is Prohibited."
- ADD - Unauthorized dumping of any type, to include vegetation or natural debris is prohibited.
- ADD - Hunting and Trapping is Prohibited.
- DELETE - "to hawk, peddle or distribute literature of any type".
- DELETE - "...to sell or offer for sale any goods or wares.."; "to offer for sale any food or merchandise, to have for sale or otherwise.."

***Motion was made by Commissioner Tantillo and seconded by Commissioner Avilla to accept the suggested changes of the 2026 General Rules and Regulations of Parks and Playgrounds. Motion carried.***

As for the Park Fee Schedules, there was no suggested changes to the current Fee Schedule.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Tantillo and seconded by Commissioner Avilla to have no changes to the current Park Fee Schedule. Motion carried***

Superintendent Carpenter updated the Commission with the current Grant processes. MVP Grant includes but not limited to Stormwater Management. The wetlands will be flagged and GPS. There are more wetlands than anticipated. Survey work is done by on the ground surveys, drones and GIS data. This will be used for conceptional roadway designs. A steering committee will look over preliminary designs. The law office is still reviewing the PARC grant, as shovels will need to be in the ground by July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are in the process of borrowing \$470,000 for two trucks and golf course equipment.

As for the department's employees, they are exceedingly short staffed. A General Foreman is planned to be out for 4 to 6 months due to injury. Two other employees are planned to be out for six to eight weeks due to their injuries. A refuse employee will be transferred to the Park maintenance man position shortly.

Superintendent Carpenter had a meeting the Mayor Rodrigues concerning the following. The unhoused and their encampments at Salisbury and Snow Parks. Park Department will be working with DPW on tree and brush removal. The turfing of Snow Park, the upcoming pool season whereas the DCR's and Brockton's agreement for the Manning Pool expired on December, 2025. Upcoming Conversations with DCR, the Mayor and Community Schools concerning Lifeguard Personnel as Community Schools may not hire Lifeguards and want to rent the facility only.

As for the Golf Course, the setting of the 2026 Golf Season Rates will be done at the Park Commission's February Meeting. The agreement has been signed for the leased golf carts which the new fleet is scheduled to come in sometime in May. An RFP is needed for the removal of the old fleet of carts. Winter Maintenance has proceeded within the Department.

Commissioner Varela inquired about the progress of the Welcome Center. Superintendent Carpenter stated that the doors and windows are in and presently doing inside work. Chairman Studenski stated that the trees on the side of DW Field Park has to be removed because they are damaged and/or diseased. His fears is that people will get hurt or property damage.

***Motion was made by Commissioner Varela and seconded by Commissioner Avilla to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy W. Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks