



THE CITY OF WORCESTER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS - PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday September 30, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Skyline Drive Worcester, MA 01605

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Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman

Mary Ann Dube

Julie Ann Lamacchia

Bowen Lee

Natalie T

Erin Zamarro

Administration Present:

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner

Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator

Milagros Pacheco, Sr. Accountant

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

1. Referral to Policy Subcommittee: Alcoholic Beverage Policy (File)
2. Referral to Naming/ Land Usage Subcommittee: NA
3. Referral to Golf Course Subcommittee: NA
4. General:

- Chair Mr. Cashman called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
 - There were no minutes to accept.
 - Mr. Cashman then moved on to Public participation: Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in person and remote participation at the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. To partake people would have to attend the meeting in person, via WebEx application or dial the direct line. There were no call in users or people in person at the meeting.
 - Chairman Mr. Cashman moved on to Committee reports, there were no Committee reports therefore he moved on to the Assistant Commissioners Report:
 - Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item on the Assistant Commissioners Report:
 - Grant Applications –
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Columbus Park
 - Awarded and in process - moving forward
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Coal Mine Brook
 - Submitted and in its final stages
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Mulcahy Field
 - Awarded – Almost complete Ribbon Cutting to follow
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Coes Pond Beach
 - Project awarded – Awaiting construction to start soon
 - Mass Trails Grant Program
 - Not Awarded to the City of Worcester – The Initial submittal was a broad look at the City of Worcester trails, their recommendation was to be more focused on one or two sites. Will rework this for next years grant opportunity which will need to be at the beginning of 2022
 - MassPort Community Charitable Relations Program
 - \$32,000 Awarded to the City of Worcester Park Steward program which supplied employment for 15 youth throughout the summer.
 - Economic Development Initiatives –
 - NA
 - Cultural Events-
 - NA
 - Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
 - Donations –
 - NA
 - Capital Improvement Programs
 - Apricot Street Playground - NA
 - Ball Property - NA
 - Banis Street Playground - NA
 - Beaver Brook Park - NA
 - Bell Pond – NA
 - Bennett Field – NA
 - Betty Price Playground – NA
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – NA
 - Blithwood Park – NA
 - Boynton Park – NA
 - Burncoat Park – NA
 - Burncoat Playground – NA
 - Cascades Park – NA
 - Castle Park – NA
 - Common – NA

- Coes Park (Knife) – NA
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
- Coes Pond – NA
- Columbus Park –
 - NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – Awarded contract for skate park, as part of that where will be some ConCom work to be done as the first piece, after that the construction of the skate park itself, however concrete will NOT be poured this year, not until the Spring of next year.
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park – NA
 - Newton Hill - NA
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation – NA
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens
 - WWI
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – NA
 - Walkway Design
 - Salisbury Pond
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field – NA
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – NA
- Spillane Field – NA
- Tacoma Street Playground – NA
- TY Cobb – NA
- University Park – NA

- Vernon Hill – NA
- Wetherall Estates (Duffy Field) – NA
- 149 West Boylston Drive - NA
- Winslow & Pleasant - NA
- Aquatic Master Plan – NA
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – NA
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Request to keep Art Work in Elm Park - NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – NA
- Misc. items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean –
 - Activity Report for the first six months of 2021
 - City Council Orders –
 - Urban Forestry Tree Commission
 - Paving around Trees
 - Golden Rain Trees in the City
 - Greening the Gateway Cities Program
 - Indian Lake- Worcester Police Patrols
 - Personal Watercraft at Morgan Park
 - Safety Mitigation Tactics- Indian Lake
 - Banned Personal Watercraft- Indian Lake –Not permanent will be re-evaluated
 - Environmental Police- Indian Lake
 - State Delegation- Indian Lake
 - The Triangle at Burncoat Street
 - Benefits of Public Pools
 - Lake Quinsigamond- Boat Launch
 - City Council Petitions –
 - Officer Many Familia Way- Green Hill Park
 - Certificate of Appreciation to Seasonal Youth Workers- William Coleman III
 - Tree Removal- Paul O’Rourke
 - Sidewalks be replace on Mower Street- Robert Pellegrini
 - Tree removal-94 Houghton Street- Junaid Marvi
 - Request for pickle ball courts- Joseph Foson & John Ledoux
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – NA
 - Budget – Operational & Capital - NA
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement Program – Awarded an extra 10 Million dollars
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
 - City Auditor Communications - NA
 - Summer Youth Employment Program – NA
 - Aquatics – NA
 - Christian’s Law – NA
 - Recreation Worcester - NA
 - Holiday Tree – NA

- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - NA
 - Waterfowl in Park – NA
 - Out-to-Lunch – NA
 - Trash – NA
 - ESCo – NA
 - Park Permits –
 - NA
 - Access/ ADA – NA
 - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
 - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
 - Veterans Memorials – NA
- Golf Course Donations: NA
 - New Business: Ms. Turner brought up a few questions/request and not all was on the agenda and will be added to the following meeting agenda:
 1. Coes Pond Beach Grant – Mr. Antonelli explained that the Commonwealth awarded \$400,000.00 towards Coes beach, the project went out to bid and was already awarded. Construction is set to start within a couple of weeks with a completion date of June 1, 2022.
 2. Coes Knife – Mr. Antonelli stated this project is a canoe, kayak launch, handicap parking, a small pavilion/shelter and a place to store canoes and kayaks the intention is to have a place to rent canoes and kayaks only and it will be ADA accessible with a transfer station.
 3. Fence between Lakeside and Coes Park she wanted to know if the Parks Department put up the fence or if Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) put it up. – Mr. Antonelli explained that WHA put it up and the City has no management control over that. WHA is willing to open the gate for the city while construction is going on and during daylight hours and closing back up at night. Ms. Turner stated that she would like something else different done with the fence situation whether the city has a conversation with WHA to see if it's something the city can acquire to have access to the public park because there is at least a mile walk to get access to the park.
 4. Beaver Brook parking towards Big Y, Ms. Turner stated that since Merrifield Street was closed there is no parking on that side and people are double parking on the Big Y parking lot because and it's become a dangerous situation, she has seen kids almost get hit by cars, almost get run off on their bikes, and car accidents and she would like something to be done about this. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion.
 - Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dube. Second by Mr. Lee. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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