



THE CITY OF WORCESTER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, November 16, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Nick Chacharone
Meg Mulhern, Chair
George Sedares
Lawrence Sullivan

Administration Present:

Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Ms. Mulhern called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

- Ms. Mulhern went on to the acceptance of the minutes for October 26, 2017. She asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were any changes or comments, there weren't any. Mr. Sedares made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Minutes were approved 4 – 0.
- Mr. Antonelli was not present so Ms. Mulhern asked Mr. Tomaino to go on with the report:
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first item as follows:
 - Master Plan Update Hadwen Park & Tacoma & Great Brook Valley
 - Save the Date – Park Permitting Meeting
 - Strategic Plan
 - Grant Applications –
 - National Fish & Wild Life – Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price - Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park - Filed
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Playgrounds - Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – South Worcester Playground -Filed
 - Economic Development Initiatives – NA
 - Cultural Events – Tree Lighting will be installed
 - Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
 - Donations –
 - NA
 - Capital Improvement Programs
 - Apricot Street Playground - NA
 - Ball Property - NA
 - Banis Street Playground - NA
 - Beaver Brook Park – Dog Park open and busy
 - Bell Pond – NA
 - Bennett Field – NA
 - Betty Price Playground – Under construction
 - Blackstone Gateway Park
 - Blithewood Park – NA
 - Boynton Park – NA

- Burncoat Park – NA
- Burncoat Playground – NA
- Cascades Park – NA
- Castle Park – Completed
- Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
- Coes Park (Knife) – Update
 - Stearns Tavern – Under Construction
 - Playground
- Coes Pond – NA
- Columbus Park – NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – NA
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park – NA
 - Newton Hill – Under Construction
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square - NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation
 - Green Hill Farm – Small renovations being done
 - Community Gardens – Gardens will be moved to old building location
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field – Under Construction
- 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 Park State - NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field - NA
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – Under Construction
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – Finished working on punch list items
- 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 – Working on it
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – NA
- Misc. items:
 - Keep Worcester Clean
 - September 2017
 - City Council Orders
 - Green Hill Park Handball Courts
 - Eagle Memorial – Greendale
 - Petitions –
 - NA
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day
 - Budget – Operational & Capital
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement Program – NA
 - 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 – Donation – December 1, 2017 (5 PM – 9 PM)
 - Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink – Hoping to create ice by 11/23/17
 - 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
 - Misc. Information –
 - Article on Veterans Memorials
 - Article on Holy Cross Grad in WWI
 - Article on Fall Fest
 - Mr. Tomaino announced that the City is once again working with Wachusett Mountain for a Parks Skiing Program he explained that a thousand flyers went out to all Worcester Schools and it was posted in the DPW & Parks social media.

- Picture of Providence Street Soccer Field
 - Article on Stump Grinding
 - Article “Do you know where this is” Green Hill Park.
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
 - Golf Course:
 - NA
 - Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Chacharone made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Sedares. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: December 7, 2017 – 6:30 PM