



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, December 7, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
John Lauring
Lawrence Sullivan
Matthew Wally

Administration Present:

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr. CPRP
Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Mr. Lauring called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

- Mr. Lauring informed there were no minutes for approval, so he moved on to the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
 - Relocation of the Indian Hill Monument
 - Mr. Antonelli went over the proposed design for the moving of the monument on Ararat Street. The monument is now located out of site towards to the side of the building and it is not visible. Mr. Antonelli explained that he was looking for Parks Commission approval since this was not part of the original Master Plan. Mr. Antonelli asked to let Councilor Economou speak on this item as well as anyone else that wanted to speak on this item.
 - Councilor Economou spoke about how the monument was out of the way and not easy accessible he explained that the new location was a more prominent more welded location and it would allow visitors to the park and spend a moment there to reflect, this will be a better spot and it will have that small place to go sit and reflect. The work will be done at no cost to the city.
 - A neighbor spoke positively of the movement of the monument.
 - Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve this change. Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
 - Parks Permit Applications Changes
 - Mr. Antonelli explained that there were no changes to the applications for 2018.
 - Permit Fee Changes
 - Mr. Antonelli explained there were would be no changes to the fees for 2018.
 - Green Hill Golf Course Fee & policy Changes
 - Mr. Antonelli introduced all changes to golf fees he informed that all these fees are competitive with golf courses around the Worcester County.
 - There were questions from Mr. Wally, Mr. Cashman and Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Antonelli answered all questions.
 - Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan to accept all changes. Second by Mr. Wally. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
 - 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-
 - Update
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations –
 - NA
- Capital Improvement Programs
 - Apricot Street Playground - NA
 - Ball Property - NA
 - Banis Street Playground - NA
 - Beaver Brook Park – Putting up signage for parking re: Dog Park
 - Bell Pond – NA
 - Bennett Field – NA
 - Betty Price Playground – Moving Along
 - Blackstone Gateway Park – Moving Along
 - Blithwood 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) – Going forward
 - Stearns Tavern – additional work needed
 - 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
 - Fairmont Park – NA
 - Farber Field – Update
 - Grant Square – Update
 - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
 - Green Hill Park Renovation
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens – Scheduled to be completed
 - 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
 - Walkway Design – Continue to work
 - 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 – Moving along the facility looks fabulous so far
 - Ramshorn Island – NA
 - Rockwood Field – NA
 - Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
 - Shale Street Playground – NA
 - Shore Park – Finished
 - 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 – Moving Along
 - North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Update
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – Billing Square hit by a motor vehicle it was replaced 15' tall Grafton/Hamilton
- Misc items:
 - Petitions – NA
- Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day
- Budget – Operational & Capital - Update
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Moving Along
 - Capital Improvement Program – Moving Along
 - 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
- Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink - Update
- 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 –
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
- NA
- Golf Course:
 - NA
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Cashman made a motion to adjourn, Second by Mr. Sullivan. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: January 25, 2017 – 6:30 PM