



**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, May 3, 2018 – 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Scott Cashman  
Nick Chacharone  
John Lauring  
George Sedares

**Administration Present:**

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

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Mr. Sedares called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

- Mr. Sedares went on to the acceptance of minutes for March 29, 2018. Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve the minutes for March 29, 2018. Second by Mr. Lauring. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0. Minutes for April 12 were tabled for the next meeting.
- Mr. Sedares went on to the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Antonelli went on to the first item as follows:
  - Request of Food Truck Festival of America and Mass Brewers Guild to serve alcoholic Beverages at Worcester Common
    - Anthony and James were there to represent the Food Truck Festivals of America. He stated that they have been in business since 2011 and this would be the 7<sup>th</sup> year coming to Worcester and the second time at the Worcester Common it involves food trucks, music, beverages a fun entertaining day.
    - Mr. Sedares asked about prior years.
    - Mr. Antonelli stated that there haven't been any issues in the past.
    - Mr. Lauring made a motion to approve this event to serve alcohol at the Common, Second by Mr. Chacharone. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
    - Katie Stinchton spoke on behalf of the Mass Brewers Guild she stated that they are a non-profit organization that works, protects and promotes the craft brewers she is looking to bring back this event to the Common she stated that the fundraiser was a success last year they had over 1200 people, food trucks, free water, the Common was enclosed, there were Police Officers.
    - Mr. Cashman asked if any of the proceeds are going towards any non-profit as a donation.
    - Ms. Stinchton stated that they do a lot of legislative work at Beacon Hill so some of the proceeds go towards that as well as her salary, and reimbursement of cost to the city.
    - Mr. Cashman asked Mr. Antonelli what the custom was for organizations that are making a profit like this he was under the understanding that donations would have to go to a charity.
    - Mr. Antonelli explained that he hasn't had anything like this in the past it has been non-profit organizations such as Preservation Worcester, Centro Las Americas and organizations of that sort. Mr. Antonelli suggested taking a look at the Alcohol Policy and make some adjustments to

redefine that portion to clarify the non-profit policy. He added that this event had gone very well in the past and he did not want to punish them and not approve them because of it.

- Mr. Cashman agreed he just wanted to bring up his concern about organizations wanting to use a public facility for profit making, even though he doesn't have a problem with profit making but maybe not in a public setting.
- Mr. Antonelli suggested looking at the Alcohol Policy and clarifying and putting it into effect for the following calendar year.
- Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve the event. Second by Mr. Luring. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- Grant Applications –
  - MassPort Community Charitable Grant Program – Filed
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price - Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park - Filed
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – South Worcester Playground - Awarded
- Economic Development Initiatives – NA
- Cultural Events-
  - NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations –
  - \$400.00 from Senior Softball for Logan Field
- 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 – Update
  - Blackstone Gateway Park – Update
  - Blithwood Park – NA
  - Boynton Park – NA
  - Burncoat Park – NA
  - Burncoat Playground – NA
  - Cascades Park – NA
  - Castle Park – Moving along
  - Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
  - Coes Park (Knife) – Moving Along
    - Stearns Tavern
    - 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 - Update
  - Fairmont Park – NA
  - Farber Field – Update
  - Grant Square – Update
  - Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
  - Green Hill Park Renovation – Update
    - Green Hill Farm

- Community Gardens
    - WWI – Awarded
  - Greenwood Park – NA
  - Hadwen Park – NA
  - Harrington Field – NA
  - Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) – Will start soon
  - Holland Rink - NA
  - Holmes Field - Update
  - Indian Hill Park – NA
  - Indian Lake Beach – NA
  - Institute Park – Update
    - Walkway Design – working on final 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 - Hoping to open in June
  - Ramshorn Island – NA
  - Rockwood Field – NA
  - Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
  - Shale Street Playground – NA
  - Shore Park – Grand Opening Celebration June 27, 2018 – All invited
  - 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 – time to start scheduling meetings
  - 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 –
      - December 2017
    - City Council Orders –
      - Request Tree Inspection at 16 Hitchcock Road
      - Request of places to play Pickle Ball – Holmes Field
      - Request for a partnership to cleanup Airport Drive
    - Petitions –

- Naming of the bridge at Coes Pond
  - Forestry Operations – NA
    - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
    - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
    - Arbor Day April 27, 2018 – Great Success
  - Budget – Operational & Capital - Update
    - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – working on finalizing
    - Capital Improvement Program – working on finalizing
    - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
    - City Auditor Communications - NA
  - Summer Youth Employment Program – Hiring
  - Aquatics – Hiring & getting facilities ready
    - 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 –
    - See Above
  - Access/ ADA – NA
  - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
  - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
  - Misc. Information –
    - Article on CPA
    - Article on Brownfields Grant
    - Article on Art of Maple Sugaring
    - Article on Hadwen Park
    - Article on Working for Worcester
    - Article on Field Openings
    - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
- Golf Course:
  - Article on local golf Courses
- Golf Course Donations: -
  - \$150.00 from the Staffier Family
- - Golf Course Donations: - NA
  - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Cashman. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM
  - Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: June 21, 2018 – 6:30 PM