



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

October 16, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:03pm

ROLL CALL Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Diane Berube, Lee Bentley, Paula Robinson Deare (arrived at 6:05 PM)

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES NEED TO REVIEW

ALSO PRESENT MARY RAPOZA, DIR. PARKS, REC., & BEACHES; RACHEL MULROY, FISCAL OPER. & FAC. MGR.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Save the Date for the following events:
 - 1) Perry-Mendes Family Reunion 7/18/20 @ Hazelwood Park
Diane Berube motioned to save the date. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all.
 - 2) Buzzards Bay 420 Championship 8/7-8/9/20 @ Fort Taber Park
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all
 - 3) 4th Annual Food Truck & Craft Beef Festival 7/25 & 7/26/20 @ Fort Taber Park
Elaine Safioleas motioned to table event at this time. 2nd Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all. Want a two-day event in July. Dagny Ashley suggested a one-day event in July or August because there is a lot going on. She suggested two days in September according to Mary Rapoza.
 - 4) Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walkathon 5/17/20 @ Fort Taber Park
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the dates. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
2. **Loretta Bourque Tree Lighting @ Loretta Bourque Park on 12/6/19**
Invitee: John Lobo
Diane Berube motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all.
3. Park Board to vote on naming of the brick building at Brooklawn Park "The Ricketson Nature Center"
Elaine Safioleas motioned to refer to City Council Memorial & Dedication Committee. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

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4. **DEA Community Fair & Drug Take Back on 10/26/19 @ Riverside Park**

Invitees: Mark Skeffington, April Miller, Asa Morse

Twice a year event to take medications and prescriptions back so they can be disposed of properly.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

5. Friends of Hazelwood Park want to discuss an Annual Tree planting plan. They would like to focus on native trees and they would prefer to plant a Birch Tree this year across from maintenance building. Plan is to plant to border of park. The group plans to bring a definitive plan to the Park Board next year. Diane Berube motioned to approve the tree planting. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

Mary let the Board know that the bathrooms at Hazelwood Community Center are almost complete. Also an access hall to the porch was created. Lighting around the Crapo House.

Also working on ADA access from the West Rodney French into the park. Applied for a \$250,00 grant to start work. With this plan will also incorporate the new picnic area. Finished plans coming soon.

Baby Kenny Tot Lot is almost done. Beauregard Pina playground in works. Montes Park splash pad will be getting replaced.

Dias Field almost complete but will be ready to permit in the fall.

Brooklawn Basketball court was just paved this week. Post, Backboards mad hoops are up but won't be painted till spring.

Still trying to complete the Barao Memorial Court at Ashley this year.

RFP for the Boat House will be going out for Kayak and Paddle Board Vendor.

CORRESPONDENCE From the Committee of City Property Councilors Abreu and Giesta request the Park Board to explore possible uses of land around Pulaski Park and School area for parking or alternative access roads and determine whether the land is Article 97 land.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table and refer to Solicitor's Office. 2nd by Pula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

OTHER

Paula did mention an item that will be on the Nov. Agenda: Beach grass at Fort Taber near the Low Tide Yacht Club. Mary explained that she has had conversation with Sarah Porter from Conservation and did a walk through Grass will not be touch as it prevents erosion. The Conservation Commission regulates it. Further discussion will be at November's meeting when Commodore Pacheco comes before the board.

Peter also let the Board know that we did receive a response from the Attorney General in regard to the Open Meeting Law. They received the Park Boards Response and it is under review.

NEXT MEETING Nov. 20th at 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn meeting at 644pm. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all.

A true record attests P. Bosnell

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

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if any accommodations are needed,
please contact the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 508-961-3015.
Requests should be made as soon as possible
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.*

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