



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

September 18, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 5:58 PM

ROLL CALL **Peter** Boswell, Diane Berube, Elaine Safioleas, Paula Robinson Deare, Lee Bentley

ALSO PRESENT Mary Rapoza, Dir. Parks, Rec., & Beaches; Rachel Mulroy, Fiscal Oper. & Fac. Mgr.; Bernadette Barreira, Accounting Clerk

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES THERE WAS NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

CHAIRMAN PETE BOSWELL WELCOMED NEW BOARD COMMISSIONER LEE BENTLEY.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Save the Date for the following events:

Whaling City Festival 7/9-7/12 @ Buttonwood Park

Motion by Elaine Safioleas to save the date. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Whaling City Triathlon 7/18-7/19 @ Fort Taber Park- Hunger Heroes Food Drop @

Buttonwood Community Center on 11/16/19

Motion by Diane Berube to save the date. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

2. **Hunger Heroes Food Drop @ Buttonwood Park**

Invitee: Kasey E. Silvia

Partnership with United way. Food Drive will be outside but using building for bathrooms and back up for bad weather. Will be putting up signs day of event.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to waive the fees for this event. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by a

- 3 **A21 Walk For Freedom @ Riverside Park on 10/19/19**

Invitee: Monique Gagne

This walk happens in 450 cities in 42 countries. This is to bring awareness to sex trafficking. Meet in park around 1pm Walk in single line and return to park around 2pm. Currently has 50 ppl participating.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to waive the park fees for this event. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Diane Berube motioned to approve event. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file the flyer from the event. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

4 **Rosary Coast to Coast @ Fort Taber Park area 3 on 10/13/19**

Invitee: Edwin Aldarondo of St. Anthony of Padua Church

Will be setting up 10x10 tent, speakers, and generator Will be hosting a day of prayer. Event started in Poland 4 years ago 1st event in our area.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to waive park fees. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve event. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

5 **Halloween @The Dog Park @ Capt. Jack Peterson Dog Park on 10/19/19**

Invitee: Courtney O'Neil not present Monica Boulay-present

PRB co-sponsored event. Will have animal control on site. Will have dog treat vendor. This is open to public to promote membership. Monica was told to give Mary the dates of other events so she would not have to come before the Board.

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

6 **Guatemalan Festival Kite Festival @ Riverside Park on 9/21/19**

Invitee: Corrin Williams not present Brian Pastori of CEDC

PRB co-sponsored event. 3rd annual event. Will have pop up tents. DPI is bringing risers. DPH is involved due to food being served. Will be 11:30-6pm. Approved letting signs and flags up.

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

7 **Dennis Golden Athletic Director of Bishop Stang to talk about maintenance plan for fields that they are permitted on.**

Stang uses multiple fields in the city for their athletic program (from 2-5PM weekdays and 8AM-12PM Saturdays). They maintain the fields they use and presented the plan of care when they use fields. They invest roughly \$2500 in the fields they use.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to give Bishop Stag a 25% discount for field maintenance on the field permit fees at Renwick and Lot 13. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all.

8 **Stephan Harrington requesting permission to hand a weight bag on a tree at Hazelwood park for 1 hour daily to work out.**

Diane Berube motioned to table as Mr. Harrington was not present. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all. Came late.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on the file the letter from Mr. Harrington. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Mr. Harrington presented pictures of 2 trees that he would like to be able to use. Board suggested to stay away from the benches folks may be sitting at. Needs to place a sleeve over the rope (fire hose or pool noodle) so the tree will not be damaged. The City Arborists is willing to meet Mr. Harrington to discuss how to set this up. Wants to train for 45 min to 1 hour every other day.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve with Arborist approval. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

- 9 Liga Maya is asking permission to charge admission to the public for league games@ Morton Ave to defray cost of Police Detail.

Invitee: Anibal Lucas

Cannot charge for tickets. Board suggested a donation box and have signage "\$2. Suggested Donation" Also let folks know that it is to offset the cost of Police Detail.

Mr. Lucas asked for Park Rules sign in Spanish if possible. Mary to look into it.

No vote needed by Board.

- 10 Review and consider Open Meeting Law Complaints and refer to Solicitor's Office.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept the 2 complaints and refer the complaints to the Solicitors office for a response. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

- 11 Park board to review annual City's Community Preservation Act Plan (CPA)

Diane motioned to receive and place on file the CPA Updates presented by Paula Robinson Deare. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

- 12 **NBHS Rally and Bonfire @ Buttonwood Park Diamond 2 on 11/27/19**

Invitee: Justine Mare'

Bonfire with rally from 6pm-10pm. EMS, Fire, Police Dept. have all been involved and have plans for emergency. Will need a walk through. Michael Gryss is next years Class advisor.

Diane Berube is against the bonfire and asked for an alternate plan for next year.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Lee Bentley and vote was 4 yes and 1 no. Event was approved.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to receive and place on file map for the bonfire. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

Press Release about parks will remain closed at dusk until after the 1st frost due to EEE.

Mary let the board know that the Asst. Project Manager position is posted and is ready to fill.

Mary and Alexandria will be at the NRPA conference next week.

Open Space and Recreation Plan 2021-2028 has begun and will need Park Board input.

Park Board not in favor of plastic drums for playgrounds due to vandalism. Would like to see reviews from other communities, equipment including noise

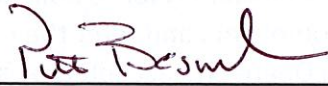
Mary discussed the upcoming selections for the next CPA Grant Correspondence.

OTHER

NEXT MEETING Oct 16, 2019 @ 6pm Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN Diane Berube motioned to adjourn at 7:15pm. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

A true record attests



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.*