



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

June 26, 2019

6:00 P.M.

### Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER 6:01pm

### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Diane Berube,

**ABSENT:** Paula Robinson Deare, Lee Bentley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Rapoza, Director Parks, Rec., Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Accounting Clerk;  
Councilor Scott Lima, Councilor Naomi Carney.

**ACCEPT PAST MINUTES** ELAINE SAFIOLEAS MOTIONED TO ACCEPTED APRIL'S MINUTES. 2ND BY DIANE BERUE AND  
ACCEPTED BY ALL.

### NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Alma del Mar 6<sup>th</sup> grade presentation of the ongoing work they are doing on the nature trails at Brooklawn Park  
Diane motioned to accept presentation and place on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
2. Friends of Buttonwood Park Annual Report  
*Invitee: Richard Leary*  
Mr. Leary gave updates on butterfly garden, kite festival workshop, and sensory garden. Report outlines work of the last year. Mr. Boswell asked how the working relationship with Mike Sylvia of the Whaling City Festival. Said it was very positive. Discussed trees to be protected during festival. Lorraine Perry -Mother Earth from Earth Day is a great support. He thanked the Friends Board and said he appreciated support from the Park Board.  
Diane Berube motioned to receive and place on file the report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
3. **Pool Party Mingle @ Capt. Jack Peterson Dog Park on 6/29/19**  
*Invitee: Courtney O'Neil not present. Monica Boulay*  
Event is from 530-730. Plan to have kiddie pools for dogs. Starbucks to donate pupachinos and fruit. Dan @ DPI to assist with water. Manny Maciel will also help. There will be a raffle.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
4. **Cape Verdean Independence Day Basketball Tournament @ Montes Park on 7/6/19**  
*Invitee: John Silva arrive late.*  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to table until organizer arrives. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.  
Will need 2 detail officers 12pm-10pm per Capt. Ledo. \$5,000.00 bond required. DJ on site, Porta Potties, Dumpsters, and canopies approved. Fee for the event will be \$150.00 for a three-block time.

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- Diane Berube motioned to approved event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
5. **Whaling City Festival @ Buttonwood Park on 7/11-7/14/19**  
*Invitee: Michael Sylvia & Eugene Dean*  
Will need \$1,000,000.00 property & liability insurance. Bond is waived. Closing at 9 pm but police will remain on site until 10pm. Carnival- board asked if they could park at NBHS on Monday then set up on Tuesday but not going to work due to timing of inspection. Fee for the event is \$1920.00  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event. Diane Berube and accepted by all.
6. **3<sup>rd</sup> Eye Open @ Custom House Square on 8/17/19**  
*Invitee: Samia Walker*  
Collaborates with Superflat. Stage will be at Custom House Square for youth performances. Open Air Market, They have recycling plan and porta potties. Event will run just like in the past.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
7. **City of Joy Family Fun Day @ Hazelwood Park on 7/28/19**  
*Invitee: Christina Gracia & Alexis Ajetomobi*  
Will be serving hotdogs, chips, popcorn, cotton candy. Board denied bouncy house. Will need insurance. Power needed. Will use bathhouse @ West beach, Needs DPH involved. Using Propane grill. Trash and recycling barrel are extra and will be gotten from DPI. No bouncy house. Fee for the event \$140.50. \$5,000.00 bond require.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
8. **Creative Courts Block Party @ Clasky Common Park on 8/9/19**  
*Invitee: Ashley Occhino not present Jamie Uretsky*  
Mural on the basketball courts @ Clasky Common Park. 3<sup>rd</sup> Eye dancer will be performing. Will have 1 hour of free ice cream. Trash & Recycling plan (6 trash barrels, 4 recycling), renting generator, and stage.  
Diane Berube motioned to receive and place on file the map. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.  
Diane Berube motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
9. Matthew and Linda Hernandez are seeking approval to sell food in our parks.  
Diane Berube motioned to table to next month since attendees not present. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
10. Residents of the East Beach Community to discuss violations and issues surrounding the beach locations.  
*Invitee: Barry Sylvia and Councilor Carney*  
Councilor Carney spoke in support of the East Beach residents. Looking to move volleyball nets further down the beach. A discussion was held and members of the community were allowed to voice their concerns.  
Barry Sylvia presented a report on East Beach quality of life.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file on file the packet of letters and pictures provided by Barry Sylvia. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file the signed petition from the neighbors to move the volleyball nets to the furthest part of the beach in front of the parking lots. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.  
Wave Runners not allowed in Cove Side (West Beach). Looking to have the same on East Beach.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file petition about not allowing wave runners on runners on East Beach. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.  
Barry Sylvia and many residents in the attendance very upset over water park coming to East Beach. He has already reached out to many organizations to verify the permits have all been approved for the water park installation.  
6 residents went on the record in favor of moving the volleyball nets to the most southern part of East Beach. Names and address are on audio of the meeting.
11. Groundworks Southcoast to sign License agreement for office space in the Brick Building at Brooklawn Park.  
Groundworks Southcoast has adopted Riverside, Brooklawn, and several nature trails. They have been in the CEDC office and looking for their own space. They would like to enter into agreement with DFFM for one room at the Brick building at Brooklawn Park with Park Board approval.  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve office space in the Brick House. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
12. **SFSP Kick Off @ Brooklawn Park on 6/28/19**  
*Invitee: Mary Rapoza*  
The Lunch program kick off with all types of activities,  
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube



13. **SFSP Kick Off @ Montes Park on 6/27/19**

*Invitee: Mary Rapoza*

This event is to kick off the pilot dinner program. Much like the lunch program lots of activities.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

14. **New Life Southcoast wanting to adopt Ashley Park**

*Invitee: Veronica Gomes*

Looking to do a park clean up on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm. Youth Group age 14-25 wants to do a Free Car wash. Waive fee for building. Diane Suggested to check with Clean Sweep for Safety checklist.

Diane Berube motioned to approve date of clean up. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

15. **Park board to review annual City's Community Preservation Act Plan (CPA)**

Since Paula Robinson Deare is not in attendance review will wait for her to present.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

16. **LEL Construction looking for permission to use Ashley Blvd access road @ Brooklawn. Board would like to have pictures of road.**

Diane Berube motioned to approve access to the road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OTHER**

**NEXT MEETING 7/17/19 at 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:48pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

A true record attests



Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),  
if any accommodations are needed,  
please contact the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 508-961-3015.*

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*Requests should be made as soon as possible  
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.*

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