



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center  
1 Oneida Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

March 20, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

### Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:06 pm

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

### ALSO PRESENT

Mary Rapoza, Chief Joseph Cordeiro, Rachel Mulroy, Bernadette Barreira

### ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

MOTION TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY MINUTES BY DIANE BERUBE. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY PAULA ROBINSON DEARE. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.

### NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. **Rifle Range** Proposed Fee Schedule

*Invitee: Chief Joseph Cordeiro*

Chief Cordeiro explained that they want to increase the membership fees to be able to make improvements to the range. Presented the new schedule with a onetime initiation fee with annual memberships. The plan includes handicap accessibility, better maintenance, and Police night training upgrade and indoor training range. A revolving account has been created to be able to invest back into range.

Elaine Safioleas motion to accept fee schedule as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

2. **Whaling City Golf Course** Green Fee waiver awards

a. **Dereck Alfaiate Whaling City Youth Baseball**

b. **Mike Lehale- Mike Lahale Memorial Golf Tournament**

c. **Randy Debrose & Mark DeBrito – Grid Iron Club**

**Mike Lahey is working on 401C3 nonprofit status.**

3. **La Gondola** to present yearend report and 2019 season proposal plan

*Invitee: Allen & Cynthia Days*

Allen and Cynthia Days informed the board that they spent about \$8,000.00 on treatment and permits to help the pond. As long as weather is good, they will open this weekend. Discussed last years cost and fees will remain the same as last year. They will return in June and we will reevaluate the second half fee.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to waive the initial \$2,500.00 fee until further in the season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

4. **Food Truck Festival** date change from -9/28/19-to 9/14/19

- Elaine Safioleas motioned to change the date. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all
5. **47<sup>TH</sup> Cape Verdean Parade** starting at Buttonwood Park to finish on Purchase St. 7/6/19  
*Invitee: Diane Gomes*  
 Parade starts at Buttonwood Park and heads down Union Street. Diane Berube requested that have recycling bins at start of the event. No vehicles on the lawn. Walk through will be needed with police and traffic. No fees  
 Diane Berube motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
  6. **Whaling City Festival @** Buttonwood Park on 7/11-7/14/49  
*Invitee: Josh Fernandes not present*  
 Diane Berube motioned to table until next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
  7. **New Bedford Summer Winds Kite Festival @** Fort Taber on 7/27/19 with rain date of 7/28/19  
*Invitee: Lindsay Mis*  
 Kite Demonstrations, free event, wants to have Art Mobile on site will be parked on the path. Expecting 500 people to attend, 10 Kite Demonstrator. Will be in Park area 1. Board suggested to use caution tape to make a barrier. Will have (5) 10x10 tents- professional tent company setting up. Will need walk through. Will have trash and recycling plan. Attendees will pay for parking. Bathrooms will be open. There will be no alcohol, food, or entertainment. A \$5,000.00 bond is required. \$270.00 fee park use.  
 Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Berube and accepted by all.
  8. **"Sunfish" sailing Regatta** the Low Tide Yacht Club to discuss in Clarks Cove  
*Invitee: Commodore Pacheco*  
 Commodore Pacheco is inquiring about the boat ramp at the bottom of Carrol Street to be used for a Sunfish Regatta. As the ramp is not park of the Parks Department referred him to HDC for use.
  9. **Steak Out Dinner @** Low Tide Yacht Club on 7/27/19  
*Invitee: Commodore Pacheco*  
 Same as previous years. 30x45 foot Tent between the flag pole and the dock will be set up. Parking this year for the volunteers will be the spots used by the military museum during the afternoon for this evening along with 11 spots when you come into Fort Taber parking. They need to block off 22 parking spots. They need to see Mr. Nanopoulos, Licensing. No charge for this event.  
 Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file the map for the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Berube and accepted by all.  
 Paula Robinson Deare motioned to accept parking plan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted buy all.  
 Paula Robinson Deare motioned to accept event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
  10. **Light the Bay Regatta @** Low Tide Yacht Club on 8/17/19  
*Invitee: Commodore Pacheco*  
 Same as last year. Would like to use beach areas right behind the Low Tide Yacht Club. They need to see Mr. Nanopoulos, Licensing.  
 Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
  11. **Celebrating Youth in Our Community @** Buttonwood Park on 5/4/19  
*Invitee: Cynthia Couto*  
 Pace Inc. 20<sup>th</sup> year event. Wants park area 3 with a Tent being provided by Sperry. Free Family oriented event. Will require a walk through. Plan to plug into the electric behind home plate. They have \$1,000,000 insurance policy so no bond is required. \$100.00 fee for Park use.  
 Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
  12. **Pet Fest and Dog Walk @** Buttonwood Park on 5/5/19 (ADDENDUM)  
*Invitee: Emanuel Maciel*  
 Diane Berube motioned to take Addendum article Pet Fest out of order. 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.  
 Trach and Recycling plan in place.  
 Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
  13. Sign license agreements for Greater New Bedford Youth Baseball, Greater New Bedford Pony League, and Baystate Girls Softball league for exclusive use of baseball diamonds  
 Elaine Safioleas motioned to take this item out of order. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Greater New Bedford Youth Baseball and Greater New Bedford Pony League did not make an appearance. Baystate Girls Softball President Joe Andrade did attend and signed new license agreement. Greater NB Pony League needs to turn in list of Board members.

Elaine Safioleas Motioned to receive and place on file the CORI done by officer Dave Thomas. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube. Accepted by all.

Diane Berube motioned to approve Bay State Girls License. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

**14. Reggae and Music on West Beach @ West Beach Pavilion on 5/26,6/30,7/14,7/28,8/11, & 8/25**

*Invitees: Mary Rapoza & Brooke Baptiste (not present)*

DJ or band for 6 Sundays this summer. Parking same as last year. Will sell parking passes.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve events with recommendations by Paula Robinson Deare. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

**15. Youth Angler Education Fishing Clinic @ Fort Taber Pier pm 6/22 and 9/22**

*Invitee: Mary Rapoza & Kimberly Trull (not Present)*

Free event. Same as Last year.

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

Diane Berube motioned to approve the September event. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

**16. Park Board to discuss if grilling will be allowed at Community Centers during private rentals.**

Board discussed the grilling at the Community Centers and felt it was best to stick to designated grilling spots in the parks.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to prohibit grilling at all Community Center Events. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

**17. Whaling City Triathlon is requesting to start at 7:30am instead of 8am**

Mark will speak to DPI and Police regarding road closures.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve new start time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

**18. Branchard Memorial on Sawyer Street side of Riverside Park.**

Ian Abreu needs more information. Recommendation is coming from the Park Board. Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept recommended memorial. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

**19. Perry Memorial plaque and bench at Hazelwood Park**

The Friends group will be made aware of plaque and bench.

Diane Berube motioned to approve bench and plaque for the Perry Family. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and Accepted by all.

**20. Dog park to receive concrete cylinders from DPI.**

Plan is to paint them black and red. They will be placed in such a way the police will be able to see in them from street.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept the plan for the cylinders. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OTHER**

**NEXT MEETING 4/24/19 @6pm Community Center Buttonwood Park**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:59 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all

A true record attests Pat Boswell 5.15.19

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

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