



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Fort Taber Community Center  
1000 South Rodney French Blvd  
New Bedford, MA 02744

January 16, 2019

6:00 P.M.

### Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:04pm

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

**ALSO PRESENT** Mary Rapoza-Director of Parks and Recreation & Beaches, Rachel Mulroy and Bernadette Barreira Parks and Recreation staff

**ACCEPT PAST MINUTES** ELAIN ESAFIOLEAS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER MINUTES. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY DIANE BERUBE AND ACCEPTED BY ALL.

**Peter Boswell did remind the board that going forward full price for all Non Resident and For Profit events.**

### **NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS**

1. Food Truck Festival @ Fort Taber Park on Sat and Sun 9/28 & 9/29/2019

*Invitee: Leslie Lakis & Anne Marie Argner*

This year they expect 25-30 Food Trucks, 20x60 Beer Tent, Will also have bands, local artist, face painting, and family fun. Will be a two-day event. Tickets are to be sold for date specific, no blanket weekend tickets. Parking will be open and run by Parks and Recreation, charge \$5.00. Emergency vehicles will use Community Center parking lot and vendors will use the Cable parking lot. May have shuttle service by whom? Overnight security will be needed Sat-Sun evening. Possibly Friday and Sunday nights if set up on Friday and take down on Monday. Manage Trash and Recycling. Need to check who places the fencing. Fencing cannot stay up overnight restricting access to the park. Need Liquor License. Needs DPH and Fire Prevention to inspect Food trucks Most of the artists will be under 10x10 tents. The Food Trucks will be responsible for their own trash. Will need a \$10,000 Bond or Insurance that covers property damage to \$1,000,000. Signs have been approved for the event for one month in advance at Ft Taber. Will need Dumpster, covered and locked over night. Must notify Mary or Bernadette of vendor to be used for port-o-johns. Cost \$1920.

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

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the rate increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

9. The Park Board to discuss the dedication spot for Mr. Leon Branchard's grandfather by naming the entrance walkway at Riverside Park from Sawyer Street " Branchard Memorial Walkway"

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the walkway. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES**

Council on Aging received a grant funding to do ADA restrooms and deck at the Community Centers.

Rivers End Park received a grant to finish planting and shade structure.

Met with DPI to start on CPA infrastructure for Abolition Row.

Art museum received a grant and will be doing a mural for Clasky Common Park.

Summer Jobs application are out.

NBHS doing the life guard training course this year.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Military Museum Annual Report 2018

Diane Berube motioned to receive and place on file. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

## **OTHER**

Mary to draft a letter to request a member of DPI at Park Board meeting.

Paula mentioned that ABC Disposal is mixing trash and recycling at the Low Tide Yacht Club.

Paula mentioned a great deal of trash on the beach and is looking for a clean up event.

Again a request to arrange a van to take the board on a tour of the parks. There is not a city vehicle to use. We will have to look into renting a vehicle or charter a bus.

Discussion began about no balloons in parks and not allowing them at all.

**NEXT MEETING** Buttonwood Community Center 6pm on 2/20/19

Retreat is 2/223/19 9am -12pm at the Whaling City Golf Course

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Diane Berube motioned at 7:17 pm to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

*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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