



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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

September 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:11 pm

ROLL CALL Peter_Boswell-Chair, Elaine Safioleas, Paula Robinson Deare, Diane Berube

ALSO PRESENT Councilor Linda Morad, Rachel Mulroy-Fiscal Oper. & Facil. Mgr.

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

ELAINE SAFIOLEAS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT JUNE MINUTES. 2ND BT DIANE BERUBE AND ACCEPTED BY ALL.
ELAINE SAFIOLEAS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT JULY MINUTES . 2ND BT DIANE BERUBE AND ACCEPTED BY ALL.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Park Board to vote to save dates for the following 2019 events:
 - a. Reggae on West Beach Sun 5/26, 6/30, 7/28, 8/25/19 and West Beach Music series on 7/14 and 8/11/19
Diane Berube motioned to save the dates. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
 - b. Opening of the Bay @ Fort Taber 6/1/19 Buzzards Bay
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
 - c. Buzzards Bay 420 Championships @ Fort Taber 8/2- 8/4/2019
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
 - d. Whaling City Triathlon 7/21/19 @ Fort Taber
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
 - e. New Bedford Summer Wind Kite Festival 7/27/19 @ Fort Taber
Paula Robinson Deare motioned to save the date. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
 - f. Whaling City Festival by Police Union 7/11-7/14/19 @ Buttonwood Park
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.
2. The Park Board will vote on the Memorial donation policy and procedures.

Director of PRB would send list of applications to the President of the Memorial Committee. After the committee votes and sends back to the Park board. There was much discussion on the pricing of the trees and using vendors already affiliated with the City. Councilor Morad requested that we follow the DPI pricing on trees and benches. Councilor Morad also requested that the Master Plan language be checked so the bench phrasing

on application is uniform. Councilor Morad feels it should be a "standard bench" with a standard plaque. Also needs to develop the memorial plaque. Further discussion is needed to develop this program. Elaine Safioleas motioned to table the discussion and bring back at the October board meeting. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

3. The Park Board will vote to approve the decrease in park use fee discount as follows:
 - a. Resident will have a 75% discount instead of 80%
 - b. For Profit and Non –Residents will receive no discount
 - c. Not For Profit discount at Park Board discretion up to 75% discount

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve decrease in park use fee discount for 2019 at park board discretion. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

4. Park Board votes to take the lead with NBFDF Fire Prevention Office and Community Members to develop a policy regarding the use of grills in the parks. The Policy will be in place for Spring 2019.

Elaine Safioleas motioned take the lead with NBFDF Fire Prevention Office and Community Members to develop a policy regarding the use of grills in the parks. The Policy will be in place for Spring 2019. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

5. Park Board to begin conversation regarding limits on the size of events at the parks to create guidelines for summer 2019.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve Park Board use with unlimited access according to all rules and regulation after much discussion. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

6. Swan Boats operators, Alan and Cynthia Days of La Gondola, request forgiveness of \$2,500.00 remaining on their \$5,000.00 seasonal fee to operate at Buttonwood Pond. They have made a significant investment in the pond with the purchase and installation of the aerator fountain and the contract for water quality monitoring and interventions.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve forgiveness of \$2,500.00 remaining on their \$5,000.00 seasonal fee to operate at Buttonwood Pond. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

7. Richard Oliver who was approved last year to add geo catches in the parks has forward his plans for Fort Taber for the Park Board review.

Mr. Oliver will not be going into any unauthorized areas. He has forwarded his plans for Fort Taber.

Diane Berube motioned to approve to add geo catches in the parks. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

CORRESPONDENCE

City Councilor request to revert parking at East Beach back to Traffic Commission.

Diane Berube motioned to deny request reverting the 3 East Beach and Fort Taber Parking Lots back to the Traffic Committee for yearly summer management. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

Paperwork on plans for Back Boards for Washburn Street Park from TruBounce.

Diane Berube motioned to accept and place on file plans for the Back Boards. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

Letter regarding a memorial stone for Officer Kenneth Beauregard to be given back to the city as family is moving out the house that has the dedication stone and new owners do not want it. Requesting if City would like it back to use at a new dedication site.

Diane Berube motioned to accept and place on file the letter from Ms. Joyce Beauregard. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.


Peter Boswell shared that the City Council would like a representative from the Department of Public Works to take the open seat on the park board. This recommendation will be sent to the Mayor's office.

OTHER

The Park Board had an electronic vote to move the 9/19/18 meeting to 9/26/18 due to the Jewish Holiday.

NEXT MEETING Oct 17, 2018 and Nov 14, 2018 at 6 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:10 pm. 2nd by Diane Berube 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.*

