



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Fort Taber Community Center

1000 South Rodney French Blvd

New Bedford, MA 02744

March 28, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER @ 6:17 pm

ROLL CALL in attendance Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Paula Robinson Deare, Diane Berube, Mary Rapoza Director Parks and Recreation, Councilor at Large Linda Morad, Donny Garcia Manager of Finance Parks and Recreation. Excused Absence Charles Cotter.

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES: MINUTES WILL BE ACCEPTED NEXT MONTH

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Whalers Football to discuss concession Stand at Lot 13.

Invitee: Paul Reis, Kevin Rudolph, John Gonsalves

The NB Whalers have raised \$30,000 in funds. Peter states plans needs to be designed {stand-delete}. Applied for CDBG Grant total for work should be around \$150,000. Mayor Mitchell has approved in-kind service for Water and Sewer. Christian Farland is working on plans and they will need to come back in front of board at a later date with plans. Mayor Mitchell decided that the stand should be placed near the parking spaces.

2. American Cancer Society Relay for life New Bedford 6/23-6/24

Invitee: Wane Perry and Taylor Wright, Jose Andre

Want to use Fort Taber field (great lawn) and walking trails, will be having tents, canopy, and a DJ. Using Fort Taber Community Center for a survivor luncheon est. 400 people to attend. Will not be an overnight event this year. Will be putting a stage, provided by DPI, by the Fort Rodman. Will be using South Parking Lot and Public Bathrooms during rental time. Must verify custodians for bathrooms after dusk. Looking to serve food will be following up with DPH. 4 parking spots for Dumpster arriving morning of event and 4 spots for Ambulance. Police detail arranged. Usually has 3 Food Trucks that will be placed in parking lot in front of FTCC. Mr. Boswell stated food trucks must stay on pavement. Total time of the event will be 6am to midnight. Wayne did ask if the board would like loom or sand used in the luminaries, will follow up with Mary Rapoza. Diane Berube motioned to approve event 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare approved by all.

3. Operation Hope 6/30/18

Invitee: Rev Joseph Britto not present

Motion to table by Elaine Safioleas, 2nd by Diane Berube, approved by all

4. NB Folk Festival Custom House Square date has been approved July 3 to July 9, 2018

Invitee: Justin LaCroix and Angela Johnston

Same as previous years. Insurance is through the Zeiterion, police is set up and is aware of street closure. Tent will be in Custom House Square. Vendors will be on the street. Security plan for overnight is set up. 2 Porta Potties will be set up in Carter's parking lot and down by the Z. DPI trash and recycling plans in place. Asked to waive fees since it is a city-sponsored event.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to waive fees, Diane Berube 2nd all approved.

Diane Berube motioned to approve event 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare approved by all

5. A Walk in My Shoes 5/12/18 : Fundraiser walk for Fellowship Health Resources

Invitee: Robert Ortiz

Looking to have a walk through Fort Taber and the Harbor walk to Palmer's Island and back. Walk in support "May is Mental Health Awareness" Contact DPI for power source. They were instructed to have recycling plan. Was suggested to rent parking lot for the event. They are walking on the sidewalk. No bond is required.

Diane Berube motioned to place map on file. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare all approved.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event 2nd by Diane Berube all approved

6. Yoga @ Fort Taber: Yoga classes Mon/Tues/Thurs. from 6/1 to 9/15

Invitee: Pamela Teves

Looking to have 29 classes. Ms Teves did provide documentation to support her cost to request a lower fee to run these classes. Requesting Parks and Recreation to assist with her promotions efforts. Will need new insurance for this upcoming year. Ms. Teves did state that she did have problem with bathrooms and grass not being cut. Peter did ask if she keeps up with trends and education related to her field. She stated that she does. Will not be holding classes on Monday. For summer month class will be 630 pm to 730 pm but in September will be 6-7pm. Payment will come after a few classes.

Diane Berube motioned to approve Yoga at Fort Taber, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare all approved

Elaine Safioleas motioned to reduce fees from \$1,000 to \$750. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare approved by all.

7. West Beach Music aka. Reggae Fest last Sunday June/July/August

Invitee: Brooke Baptiste and Mary Rapoza

3 Sunday Afternoon (Last Sunday June, July, August). Lifeguard on duty. Police on duty. Food Trucks will be on sight. Grant funded. Looking to raise more funds to include 3 more Sundays, (2nd Sunday June-Aug.), offering different genres of music. There were no complaints or incidents last year. City sponsored event.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve and 2nd by Diane Berube all approved

8. North Atlantic Monster Shark Tournament 7/13-7/14

Invitee: Matthew Phillips

Nonprofit event for scholarship. This group supports sustainable fishing. They were instructed to speak with True Value about using the parking lot across from Pope's Island. Will need insurance. Setting up their platform. Dr. Phillips gave some great education on sharks and the process of there is an abundant amount of shark they will process for local food pantry. Peter advised to speak with Port Authority to make them aware of the event..

Diane Berube motioned to approve, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare all approved

9. New Bedford Food Truck Festival July 21,2018

Invitee Anne-Marie Aigner and Dagny Ashley not present

Motion to table by Elaine Safioleas, 2nd by Diane Berube, approved by all

10. Fishing Clinic on Fort Taber Pier 6/30 and 9/15

Invitee: Kimberly Trull and Mary Rapoza

Free fishing clinic for ages 7 and up. Teaches fishing from shore. Days are based on tides. Catch and release. Commonwealth of MA Dept. of Marine Fisheries partners with Buzzard Bay Anglers. Last year Buzzard Bay Anglers gave the kids the rods to keep. It is a city-sponsored event.

Diane Berube motioned to approve event, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas approved by all

11. Commodore Pacheco representing the Low Tide yacht Club looking for approval for a temporary 8'x2' banner to welcome new memberships.

Invitee: Commodore Joseph Pacheco

Commodore Pacheco presented the banner in question.

Diane Berube motioned to approve, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare all approved

12. LTYC "Steak Out" fundraising event

Invitee: Commodore Joseph Pacheco

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive map for event and place on file, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare all approved

Non profit organization form placed on file. Will be serving alcohol and will be obtaining permit from the Licensing Board. Request by LTYC for 22 parking spots, 11 on each side, for events. Commodore did provide template of the no parking sign to be used just for this event. Will need to arrange gate closure with Mary Rapoza and DPI.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve pending approval of liquor permit, 2nd Diane Berube approved by all

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve 22 spaces, east and west side of north lot by LTYC/Military Museum, from 4pm to 12 midnight, for this event only. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare all approved

13. LTYC " Lite The Bay" sail boating event

Invitee: Commodore Joseph Pacheco

Hoping to have 15 boats this year. Will be renting South Parking lot for 8 hours at \$160. Needs to provide insurance. Planning on serving alcohol in the club only and will need permit from the Licensing Board. Mr. Boswell informed Mr. Pacheco that liquor must be kept in the building. DPH for food permit.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve pending approval of the liquor permit, 2nd Diane Berube approved by all

14. St. Pierre Wedding @ Buttonwood Park 8/8/18
Invitee: Margrete Toro & Zack Brodeur

Board suggested to use the area north of the Community Center at Buttonwood Park. Will be setting up Quick Shade and chairs.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to waive fees, 2nd by Diane Berube all approved.

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

15. Rally 4 KDC Buttonwood Park Zoo Area 4/28/18
Invitee: Aubrey Macfarlane and Maria Barbosa

Will have informational tables set up on the perimeter of Buttonwood park on Hawthorne Street and Rockdale Ave. Maria was instructed no solicitation.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve, 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare approved by all

16. OdiePalooza 3 weekend August 11& 12 Brooklawn Park
Invitee: Brian Harrington

Family Friendly Event , food trucks, music, pet friendly event. New Suggested dates are Aug. 25& 26 at Buttonwood Park. Working with Bus Company to bus from NBHS to park. ABC disposal may be donating dumpster. He will need a stage and power. Petting Zoo vendor possible. Since change in location Peter did request map and full plan of event and return to Park Board on April 18th.

Diane Berube motioned to save dates Aug 25th & 26th and return on April 18th, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas all approved

17. Friends of the Dog Park have secured a donation from the DFFM's carpentry crew of an 8'x8' shed to the dog park. As part of the donation, the carpentry crew is requesting the shed be dedicated to Mark Messier, a long time City employee, animal lover, and volunteer at animal shelters. On Thursday, March 8, 2018, the Friends of the Dog Park reviewed the donation and voted to accept and approve the shed and dedication to Mark Messier.

INVITEE: Amy Getchell, Amy Willoughby, Scott Albee

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to approve that the donation of the shed dedicated to Mark Messier, 2nd by Diane Berube all approved.

18. Council President Morad wishes to discuss the Whaling City Youth Baseball League and the building of batting cages at Brooklawn Park just west of the Ladetto Diamond. This item recently appeared on the February 21, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners' agenda.

INVITEE: Councilor Linda Morad and Michael Ferreira

Councilor Morad came to speak in support of the batting cages. Clarification was made regarding the public meeting scheduled for 4/5/18. It is an informational meeting and not a hearing for approval. The batting cages had been approved at the prior Park Board meeting. Councilor Morad did state she would be attending the meeting on 4/5/18

19. *Maria Tremblay owner of West End Grill to discuss Fort Taber concession contract.*

Mrs. Tremblay spoke with the Board about new contract rent and she was displeased with the increase. The Park Board did make suggestions to be given to DFFM. Also, the Board has invited Ken Blanchard, Director of DFFM, to the next meeting to discuss pending contract.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

NEXT MEETING April 18, 2018 at 6pm location Fort Taber Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN 8:28pm Motion to Adjourn by Elaine Safioleas and 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare
Unanimously Approved

Pat Boswell

Personal Chair

