



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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ANNUAL RETREAT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Whaling City Golf Course
581 Hathaway Rd, New Bedford, MA 02740

March 6, 2021

9 A.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 9:32 am

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Peter Boswell, Diane Berube, Elaine Safioleas, Paula Robinson-Deare, Justin Ohlson

ALSO, PRESENT: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Rec., and Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Financial Asst.; Rachel Mulroy, Operations Manager; Valovia Costa, Asst. Project Manager; David Ponte, Parks and Recreation Manager

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Park Board discussed hourly and daily parking rates for beach parking summer 2021. Current rate is \$2.00 per hour and \$10.00 per day. All funds go to the Fort Taber revolving account for staff and maintenance. Peter Boswell suggested \$3.00 per hour and \$15.00 for a day pass. Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the increase to both hourly and day passes to \$3.00 and \$15.00, respectively. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
2. Discussed scheduling and permitting Food Trucks in North Parking Lot at East Beach. No cooking is allowed at the Fort Taber Concession this year because it is not up to code. Food trucks are not currently allowed to park on E. Rodney French Blvd. A suggestion is to allow 2 food trucks at a time to be parked in the North Parking lot. There will be a permit process to be allowed permission to park. They looked at the Park Use permit for a solution to schedule the trucks. The food truck permits will be on the MyRec calendar for the public to see. Food trucks will pay the parking lot hourly fees for the permit. Elaine Safioleas motioned to allow 2 Food Trucks at a time to park daily at the North Parking lot on a first come first serve permitted basis. 2nd Paula Robinson Deare with a 4 to 1 in favor. Roll call vote was done. Yes votes were Elaine Safioleas, Paula Robinson Deare, Diane Berube, and Justin Ohlson. No vote Peter Boswell.

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3. Set rate for non-resident metal detector permit
Rachel Mulroy brought forth State legislation on protecting historical sites and metal detecting. She mentioned how an instructor of Archeology at Bridgewater State Univ. is willing to assist us with educating people who apply for a permit and researching guidelines for metal detector use in parks that complies with state requirements. Board would like to see an educational video developed to show applicants.
Elaine motioned to pause distribution of metal detector permits until further notice. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
4. Signage proposal review
Valovia Costa presented the proposed sign plan for all parks in the city for a more informational and inclusive park experience.
Elaine motioned to move forward and support the project. Also, to remind all Friends groups they will need the Board's permission to place any signs in the park. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
5. Review Field Permit Structure and Rates for January 2022
David Ponte presented info from other recreation programs throughout the state. Suggestions were made to align the pricing just like facilities with resident, non-resident, for profit, and nonprofit rates. We will ask for proof of 501c3 paperwork. Dave will be back at a future date with a fee structure proposal for Park Board approval for 2022 implementation.
6. Systems Approach to Department Planning
Mary Rapoza went over the Department Work Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Plan and how it works with the with the 3-5 years goals of the department. Explained the Board will learn more about the Systems Approach plan in the near future.

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STAFF

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

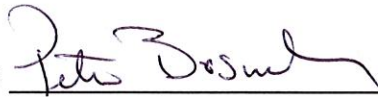
Paula suggested to have tours of the parks to see any work that has been done through CPA grants and other funding. Tours can be requested through park staff with less than three Commissioners to avoid a quorum.

Paula also was wondering if a Parks manual could be developed with each park's google map, amenities, and any other info .

NEXT MEETING March 17, 2021 will be a regularly scheduled meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 11:41, 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

A true record attests



Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

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