



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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**March 17, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

### Minutes

**Please Note: All special events are subject to the COVID-19 restrictions being lifted by the date of the event.**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM.

### 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.

### ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

Park Board to review and approve minutes from February and Annual Retreat meetings.

Diane Berube motioned to accept the February minutes. 2<sup>ND</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

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Duane Berube motioned to accept the minutes from the Annual retreat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

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

1. **2020 Greens Fee Waiver Applicants**

New Bedford High School Gridiron Club and New Bedford High School Girls Basketball were both awarded the Green Fee waivers.

2. **Reggae /Music on West Beach @** West Beach Pavilion on Sunday 6/13,6/27,7/11,7/25,8/15,8/29

*Invitee: Brooke Baptiste*

Brooke explained the event would run like past years with the addition to following any addition Covid-19 guidelines. Mr. Boswell informed her to keep in touch with DPH and PRB regarding her planning.

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

3. **Whaling City Triathlon @** Fort Taber Park & Community Center on Sunday 7/18/2021 set up 7/17.

*Invitee: Mark Walter*

This year they will have staggered start times. Mr. Walter explained the event would run like past years with the addition to following any addition Covid-19 guidelines. Mr. Boswell informed her to keep in touch with DPH and PRB regarding his planning. Mr. Boswell informed Mr. Walter that a \$10,000.00 bond is required this year. Fees for Fort Taber Community Center, Park Use, and Parking lots total \$ 2,255.00

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

4. **Riverside Beats @** Riverside Park Sunday 7/18,8/8,9/5 with rain dates of 8/1,8/22,9/12

*Invitee: Andrew Anello.*

Looking to do 3 free outdoor dances at Riverside Park. Mr. Boswell informed Mr. Anello to have a Covid-19 plan. The Board suggested to have a police detail.

Diane motion to cut fees by 50%. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

Paula Robinson Deare motioned to have a police detail at the first 2 events. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

5. **SPRING HUNGER HEROES FOOD DROP @** Buttonwood Community Center Saturday 4/3/2021

*Invitee: Kasey Silva*

They will serve meals and snacks to kids during vacation week and adhere to Covid-19 guidelines.

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

6. **S.E.Y.A.A. to discuss terms of license agreement**

*Invitee: Jason Almeida*

Elaine motioned to refer to the New Bedford Solicitors office the S.E.Y.A.A. license agreement for review. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

7. Liga Maya Soccer to review improvements to Morton Ave Field.

*Invitee: Anibal Lucas*

Mr. Lucas showed pictures of the field being worked on and submitted an invoice for work they have done on the field. Mr. Ohlson is going to get a rolling machine out to the field. Mr. Lucas is requesting to have bathrooms and kitchen repaired. Mrs. Rapoza said she will speak with DFFM and see if work can be done. Mr. Lucas was asking for a credit for money spent on the field.



Paula Robinson Deare motioned to give a \$300.00 credit to the Liga Maya League on the field permit rentals. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

8. Motion for the Park Board to accept the assignment by ATP Operations, LLC of the contract for East Beach water park to ERM-New Bedford LLC for summer 2021.

Altitude H2o is primarily a trampoline park business and longer wants to run the Water Park. ERM-New Bedford LLC is looking to take over the current contract. Will need water safety, covid, severe wind and weather, and mooring plans. Insurance, and all permits also needed. Once all received final approval will be given. Timeline is for an April public meeting.

Paula Robinson Deare motion for the Park Board to approve the license transfer; accept the assignment by ATP Operations, LLC of the contract for East Beach Water Park to ERM-New Bedford LLC for summer 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

9. **Creative Hands Easter Egg Hunt @ Fort Taber Park on Saturday 4/3/2021**

*Invitee: Jandira daSilva*

5 people will be overseeing the event with some addition helpers. Hunt will be from noon to 4 pm. Will need a Covid-19 plan. 8 reservation times serving up to 15 children per slot.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Abolition Row Park will begin construction soon.  
Ashley Park Planning is going on and there will be public meetings  
Spring sports field permits are being issued.  
We are hiring for all our Summer programs

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **OTHER**

### **NEXT MEETING**

4/21/2021 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center or by Zoom

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:09PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

A true record attests  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bernadette Barreira



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if any accommodations are needed,  
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