



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

May 19, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

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6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Please Note: All special events are subject to the MA COVID-19 restrictions in place on the date of the event.

CALL TO ORDER 6:04 pm

ROLL CALL

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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.; Kelley Peterson, Out of School Time and Enrichment Program Manager

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

Park Board to review and approve minutes from the April meeting.

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Minutes were not available for approval at this time.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Park Board to vote for Chair of the Board and Vice Chair of the Board for a term to end in May 2022.

Paula Robinson Deare nominated Peter Boswell for Chair of the Board with a 2nd Elaine

Safioleas with roll call vote:

Paula Robinson Deare yes, Diane Berube yes, Justin Ohlson yes, Elaine Safioleas yes.

Peter Boswell nominated Elaine Safioleas for Vice Chair of the Board with a 2nd by Diane Berube with a roll call vote:

Paula Robinson Deare yes, Diane Berube yes, Justin Ohlson yes, Peter Boswell yes.

2. **Southcoast Hospital Group 25th Anniversary Gala @ Fort Taber Park** Friday 9/24/2021 with set up on Wednesday 9/22/2021 and take own on Saturday 9/25/2021

Invitee: Adriann Corazzini

This is a return visit to follow up on a few things. DPH & Fire Dept. will be working with the caterer.

NBPD or private security will be there until the tent is taken down.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

3. **New Bedford Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival @ Fort Taber Park** on Saturday 9/11/2021.

Invitee: Anthony Pepe

This event will be handled like past events. They will follow all guidelines put forth by the city. The Park Board recommends a \$50,000.00 bond. The Park Dept. will handle the parking for the event as we have done in the past.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

4. **Whaling City Festival** on Thursday – Sunday 7/8-7/11/2021 8am-8pm at Buttonwood Park.

Set up /Take Down 7/3-7/13

Invitee: Michael Sylvia

The event will be business as usual. They will be adding more fencing to protect the trees and monuments. Mr. Sylvia requested a later closing time. Chairman Boswell requested advice from the Chief of NBPD about staying open until 10 pm.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to give a \$500.00 discount. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event with any conditions imposed by other pertinent City Depts. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

5. **Youth Day with Tonka's Tumblers & Gymnastics** Sunday 7/4/2021 @ Montes Park

Invitee: Peter Brito & Jacqueline Pina neither present.

Diane Berube motioned to table until next meeting. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all

6. **Fort Taber Concession SorBae Frozen Treats** looking for signage approval.

Invitee: Monica Ferracioli

Ms. Ferracioli presented her plans for yard signs, menu signs, and building signs. The Board found them to be very nice and appropriate. There was some conversation about securing the hanging signs and working with DFFM to mount.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the signs. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

7. **CEDC discussed vendor carts in Riverside Park** for summer -fall 2021.

Invitee: Corinn Williams

Looking to help folks start small business with food vendor carts. Servesafe and basic start up business training will be provided through CEDC. Looking to be over near the Tallman Street Entrance of Riverside Park. They already have 5 vendors so far interested in the program.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the food vendor carts. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

8. Y.O.U. to discuss West Beach Boathouse proposal.

Invitee: Linton Harrington & Bernadette Souza

Bernadette Souza wanted to thank the Board and Park Dept. for all their support to help them with providing youth programming. Mr. Harrington presented the plan for use of the West Beach Boathouse for indoor programming on rainy weather days. In the fall, a bike repair training program is planned with a community bike rental shop in the future.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the use of the West Beach Boathouse by Y.O.U. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

9. Coastal Foodshed requesting amendments to their applications for Buttonwood and Clasky Common Park Farmer's Markets.

Invitee: Marcy Eichner

Parking suggestions for Buttonwood Park were discussed and arranged. Also changing Saturdays at Clasky Common Park to Fridays 2-6pm due to vendor availability.

Diane Berube motioned to allow them to move the day and time of the Clasky Common Park. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

10. Summer Food Play in the Park Kick Off on 6/24/ @ Magnet Park and 6/25 @ Riverside Park.

Invitee: Kelley Peterson

These events will have a variety of activities from soccer, crafts, basketball, and Carabiner's climbing wall. Lunch is available for any one 18 years or under with the dinner program targeted toward teens. Anyone 18 and under can receive a free meal at either.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the events. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

11. Park Board to discuss resuming facility rentals in park buildings.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to no longer require mask in parks. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Elaine Safioleas motioned as of June 1st to resume with facility rentals. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted all.

12. Survivors of Covid -19 Victim's Awareness Month @Montes Park Saturday 5/20/21

Buddy Andrade is the organizer of remembrance ceremony. Covid Guidelines will be followed.

Diane Berube motioned to approve event. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE BIKE RIDE

Buddy Andrade is the organizer. National Hurricane Disaster Preparedness. Board would like more info on the event. They will do an email vote at that point.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed allowing Reggae on West Beach to go back to 4 hours.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to allow Reggae to go back to a 4-hour event. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

Ashley Park planning project is moving forward with OHCD in the lead.

Abolition Row Park funded through phase2

Hazelwood Park, the sod is going in this month. Also, we may have found a vendor for the fence project.

Parking lots at East Beach and Fort Taber are open. Text to pay program is working.
Lifeguards start 5/29/2021
Still looking for summer staff

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

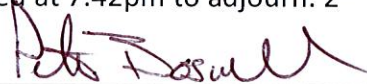
NEXT MEETING

6/16/2021 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Elaine Safioleas motioned at 7:42pm to adjourn. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

A true record attests
Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette Barreira



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