



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

July 21, 2021

6:00PM

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 6:05PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Peter Boswell, Diane Berube, Elaine Safioleas, 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 the May and June meetings.

Justin Ohlson motioned to accept the May minutes. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Diane Berube motioned to accept the June minutes. 2nd by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. **Presentation for the Community Garden at Magnett Park.**

Invitee: Drea Moore, Ella Gibson & NAACP Youth Council

Presenters not present at start of meeting. Justin Ohlson motioned to table at this time. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Upon the group's arrival to the meeting, the board invited them to the table. Community Garden at Magnett Park to be used to educate folks on how to grow their own food, have community involvement, teach sustainable living. Plan to have fencing like at Riverside Park gardens. They will maintain and if interest is lost, they will disassemble. Youth council will visit the gardens 2 to 3 days a week.

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

2. **Friends of Hazelwood Park to present storage plans for bowling greens maintenance equipment storage**

Invitee: Chance Perks

Proposed location for the storage unit is East of the of the current maintenance building as it is the best place for security and long-term care machinery. Shipping container \$300 up front with \$100 per month. Shed would be \$1500.00 Storage is needed until November.

Justin Ohlson motioned to approve shipping container, 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

3. **Ashley Park Thomas Barao Basketball Court signage proposal changes.**

Invitee: William Walsh

Mr. Walsh is looking to have a memorial stone instead of the paintwork on the center of court. He feels vandalism is a huge issue. Mary suggested working with the designer for the master plan.

Justin Ohlson motioned to deny Mr. Walsh's proposal. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

4. **A Walk in My Shoes @ Fort Taber Park Saturday 10/2/2021.**

Invitee: Robert Ortiz

This was a change in date.

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

5. **Hunger Heroes Food Drop @ Buttonwood Community Center on Saturday 11/13/2021.**

Invitee: Kasey Silvia

Similar to past years. This event helps families at Thanksgiving. Partners with United Way of New Bedford. Will follow up with DFFM to have custodian fees waived.

Justin Ohlson motioned to waive 50% of the building fee. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

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

6. **2021 Community Rollout @ Buttonwood Park Saturdays 8/28/21 with Rain Date Sunday 8/29/21.**

Invitee: Chakira Gonsalves Elkhoury not present

Due to small size of event with no actual set up in the park the board voted as follows.

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

7. **Walk for KDC @ Buttonwood Park on Sunday 10/3/2021**

Invitee: Erin Cunha not present

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table the event until the next meeting. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

8. **Don't lose Hope 5k for Suicide Awareness @ Buttonwood Park on Sunday 10/17/21.**

Invitee: Brittney Carvalho & Wendy Botelho

Permit area 2 at Buttonwood. They will avoid street closures and stand on lawn. Food truck will be parked on street. They may need a porta john. If so, they will contact PRB for walk through.

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

9. **Honoring & Celebrating National Parks Volunteers Arthur & Jean Bennett @ Custom House Square on Thursday 9/9/2021.**

Invitee: Jennifer Smith

25th Anniversary year. Looking to use the tent from 5:30p to 7:30PM. NBSO quartet will be playing. Val will reach out to Jennifer for walkthrough.

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

10. **DFFM vs. PRB Volleyball Wars @ East Beach volleyball nets on Friday 8/6/2021.**

Invitee: Rachel Mulroy & Bernadette Barreira.

This will be a rival game consisting of two teams with eight (8) employees from each department.

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

11. **Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride @ Fort Taber Park Sunday 10/3/201.**

Invitee: Jonah Guerin

They will ride through Ft. Taber. A water station will be set up and need use of the bathrooms, with a fee of \$120.00 for the bathrooms.

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

12. **Park Board to select a new representative to the Community Preservation Committee.**

Justin Ohlson motioned to table until September. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

CORRESPONDENCE

Justin Ohlson motioned to receive and place on file the letter sent to Mr. Ron Romans of Whao Zone regarding the events that transpired on July 9,2021 from the incoming storm. There is a new emergency protocol of seventy-two (72) hours. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

OTHER

NEXT MEETING

9/22//2021 @ 6:00PM @ Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 7:05PM. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

A true record attests
Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette Barreira



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Requests should be made as soon as possible
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.***

