



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

Sept. 22, 2021

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** 6:03 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Peter Boswell, Diane Berube, Elaine Safioleas, Justin Ohlson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Rec., and Beaches; Rachel Mulroy, Financial Operations Manager

### **ACCEPT PAST MINUTES**

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

Elaine Safioleas motioned to accept the July minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

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

#### 1. **Save the date for 2022 Events**

1) Whaling City Festival 7/7-7/10/2022 @ Buttonwood Park

Diane Berube motioned to save the date. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

2) Houston/Carson Wedding 6/25/2022 Fort Taber Park & Community Center

Diane Berube motioned to save the date. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

3) Southcoast Health Gala @ Fort Taber date change to 2022 multiple dates to consider.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to save June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Berube and accepted by all.

#### 2. **Guatemalan Cultural Festival @ Riverside Park on 9/26/2021 from 11am to 7pm**

*Invitee: Kelley Peterson & Brian Pastori*

City Sponsored event. Same as in past years.

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

### **3. AGO Settlement Funds Update at Buttonwood Park**

*Invitee: Richard Leary*

Friends of Buttonwood Park were contacted by the Attorney General that they had been selected to receive funds from the Tremblay Bus Settlement for Idling to long. The Friends would like to use it for trees and trail work at Buttonwood Park. The Board asked the Friends group to keep them up to date on the progress.

### **4. Mini Golf Initiative Proposal**

*Invitee: Andrew Pittsley*

The Board informed Mr. Pittsley that he can not use the PRB Facility Rental form. Going forward to use Specialty Event application. Mr. Boswell gave an outline of plan item he will need to do a presentation in the future for approval.

### **5. Fort Taber Seasonal Beach Parking Fee restructure proposal.**

*Invitee: Rachel Mulroy*

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table until the retreat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane and accepted by all.

### **6. Park Board to Vote to endorse the Project Play Children's Bill of Rights in Sports.**

Elaine Safioleas motioned to endorse Project Play Children's Bill of Rights in Sports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

- 1) just awarded a \$40,000 grant by Disney and NRPA to Camara field for new scoreboard, table, trees, shed, bleachers, and benches.
- 2) Awarded \$80,000 grant from Coastal Zone Management for East beach Parking lot planning to assist with the water quality at Easy beach.
- 3) Master plan for Pulaski Park is beginning.
- 4) Bowling Green are Wrapping project. Greens contractor is wrapping up, Fence contractor to start this fall. Brick way will also start.
- 5) Phase 1 of Abolition Row Park is wrapping. Meeting with the designers and contractor to sign off on that phase. Phase 2 will be going out to bid.
- 6) Brooklawn green infrastructure plan is out for bid.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file Blue Lane Rentals notice of closure for the season. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

Justin Ohlson motioned to receive and place on file the abutters notice from Cruz Development for the rehabilitation at St. Joseph's School. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Justin Ohlson motioned to receive and place on file a letter from the Friends of Buttonwood Park requesting the grounds be sliced and seeded after the Whaling City Festival and use of Waldren Barracks. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

Diane Berube motioned to receive and place on file the letter from Chris Gomes of Veteran Affairs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

**OTHER**

Letter of Support for the Open Space & Recreation Plan

Justin Ohlson motioned to send a letter to COA regarding parking of buses at Buttonwood Park. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Diane Berube and accepted by all.

**NEXT MEETING**

10/20/2021 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn at 6:36pm. Accepted by all.



A true record attests \_\_\_\_\_  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bernadette Barreira

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if any accommodations are needed,  
please contact the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 508-961-3015.  
Requests should be made as soon as possible  
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.***

