



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

May 18, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Agenda

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 Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Diane Berube, Justin Ohlson

ABSENT Lee Blake

ALSO, PRESENT Mary S. Rapoza Director of Parks, Rec & Beaches; Christine Felaccio, Office Assistant III; Valovia Costa, Asst. Project Manager

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. **Capt. Jack Peterson Dog Park Fundraising Events and new board updates**

Invitee: Krystal Souza, Kim Chouinard and Emme Sargent

Tabled until June's meeting, motion by Elaine Safioleas 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

2. **Low Tide Yacht Club Beach grass @ the Fort Taber boat ramp**

Invitee: Joseph Pacheco

Tabled until June's meeting, motion by Justin Ohlson 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

3. **NB Whalers Youth Football and Cheer Storage Container Request**

Invitee: Deanne Ray

NB Whalers would like to have a 20X20 storage container hidden behind the shed. Season only time frame for the container. The group will work with Valovia Costa on placement of container. Motion to approve by Elaine Safioleas 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

4. **Farmer's Market @ Buttonwood, Clasky Common & Brooklawn Park** on various dates ranging from 6/2/22-10/31/22

Invitee: Maisy McVicar and Stephanie Perks

Maisy and Stephanie explained all the farmers market's locations, dates, and times. Event is responsible for trash and recycling. No fee for all 3 events, no bond required.

Justin Ohlson motioned to approve Buttonwood Park, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve Clasky Common, 2nd by Justin Ohlson & accepted by all.

Justin Ohlson motioned to approve Brooklawn Park, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

5. **Peter Britto Classic Vol.2 @ Montes Park (Basketball Courts)** on Saturday 7/2/2022

Invitee: Brian Rudolph & Eric Britto

This year it will have coed youth & men's games on separate courts. Police detail is required, once the event has the approval from the Police Department, information must be sent to the Parks department. Discussion of the change in fees, board voted to apply the 75% discount. Elaine Safioleas motioned to apply the discount, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all. Motion to approve the event pending they get the police detail & insurance by Justin Ohlson, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

6. **Mass Collective Shopping & Networking Event @ Buttonwood Park Diamon 3 and Park Area 3** on Saturday 7/30/2022

Invitee: Jonathan Silva

Shopping event for mostly local artists, small brands, businesses, and other talented individuals displaying their business and items to sell. Jonathan has hosted 7 indoor events prior to this request with about 40 venders. Jonathan does charge a fee to the venders but only enough to cover the cost of the event, he doesn't make money off this event. About 80% local brands/artists, for some this is their fulltime job and for some this is their hobby. After much back and forth it was decided to table this until the June meeting, after a walkthrough and list of venders is submitted. Motion to table until June by Elaine Safioleas 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

7. **Don't Lose Hope 5K for Suicide Awareness 2.0 @ Buttonwood Park Area 3** on Sunday 10/16/2022

Invitee: Brittney Carvalho

Walk/run on the outskirts of Buttonwood Park, one small tent like last year. Must work with the Parks department and DPI on the location of the one porta potty that will be ADA accessible. Food truck will be far enough from the zoo concession. Signage will not be nailed into the trees and will be removed once the walk/run is over. Motion to approve with waiver of fee by Justin Ohlson 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

8. **Axon Road Show NBPd @ East Beach South Parking Lot** on Wednesday 6/22/2022

Invitee: LT. Scott Carola

After a discussion on this event the majority agreed that no vote is needed. This is not a special event but a rental of a parking lot with additional trash/recycling requested.

9. **Mayor's Summer Concert Series Senior Dances @ Hazelwood Park Gazebo on Wednesday's 7/6/2022, 7/20/2022, 8/3/2022 & 8/17/2022**

Invitee: Mary Rapoza

Summer dances hosted by the Mayor's Office at Hazelwood Park will be run the same way this year as it has run in the past. Motion to approve by Elaine Safioleas, 2nd by Justin Ohlson & accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Adult Soccer League Liga Maya Permit at Morton Ave Field.

Anibal Lucas & Attorney James Bagnell

Peter Boswell read a letter from Captain Derek Belong of the New Bedford North End Police Department. This letter went into details about all the issues that have been happening in the neighborhood of Morton Ave during the time frame that the Liga Maya is on the field. Captain Belong's letter details several issues such as illegally parked cars, players/spectators drinking, and others. Five arrests were made and Captain Belong is requesting that their permit to operate be suspended immediately. The Board spoke with Anibal and the representation of the security firm about their security plan and suggested more security may be needed. The Board asked Anibal to contact the New Bedford Public Schools regarding access to a larger field for their games. The Board requested a mandatory meeting. The Board told the league to respect the neighbors. Anibal explained that they do their best to respect the rules including canceling the games the weekend of Cinco De Mayo to avoid large crowds. If coaches or players drink, they must forfeit the game. A mandatory meeting is to be scheduled to reinforce the rules and regulations for all the teams with every team coach, Anibal, Capt. Belong, Pete Boswell, and other interested parties to review the rules and regulations and discuss concerns raised by Capt. Belong. The board is requiring that two more security guards are added. The permit is suspended until the meeting and additional security is in place.

Whaling City Festival @ Buttonwood Park from 7/7-7/10/22

New Bedford Police Department is requesting that the Whaling City Festival end at 8PM instead of 9PM due to the concern for safety. Motion to end the event at 8PM by Justin Ohlson 2nd by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

CORRESPONDENCE

Receive & place on file letter about dog waste at Brooklawn Park from Edward Taber motioned by Elaine Safioleas 2nd by Justin Olsen & accepted by all.

Receive & place on file letter about police detail rates changing effective June 5th from Police Chief Paul Oliveira motioned by Diane Berube 2nd by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

Receive & place on file letter about Coffee In The Dell event on June 5th from Richard Leary and the Friends of Buttonwood Park. Motioned by Diane Berube, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

Receive & place on file letter about playing acoustic music in Hazelwood Park from Mike Motta motioned by Diane Berube 2nd by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

Receive & place on file letter about the Challenge Grant that has been awarded to the Friends of Hazelwood Park from JoAnn Tschaen motioned by Diane Berube, 2nd by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

Receive & place on file letter about the Plant Sale event at Riverside Park from Maura Ramsey motioned by Elaine Safioleas 2nd by Justin Olsen & accepted by all.

Motion to table flyer about beach rules and Christian's Law discussion from Mary S. Rapoza & Cameron Sylvia motioned to table and discuss at the June meeting by Diane Berube, 2nd by Justin Ohlson & accepted by all.

OTHER

NEXT MEETING

6/15/2022 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:30 PM

Motioned by Elaine Safioleas, 2nd by Diane Berube, accepted by all.

A true record attests
Respectfully submitted,
Christine Felaccio



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