



# 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

June 15, 2022

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** 6:00 PM

**ROLL CALL** Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Diane Berube, Justin Ohlson, Lee Blake

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mary Rapoza Director of Parks, Rec & Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Admin Coordinator; Miguel (Mike) Neves, Admin Coordinator

### **ACCEPT PAST MINUTES**

Park Board to review and approve minutes from the April and May meeting. Justin Ohlson motioned to accept the April minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all. Justin Ohlson motioned to accept the May minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

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

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

*Invitee: Krystal Souza, Kim Chouinard and Emme Sargent*

Krystal Souza was present to explain that she is the new president and Kim Chouinard is the new vice president. Krystal Souza also explained that Emme Sargent is still the secretary, and they are currently looking for a junior treasurer. Peter Boswell asked if they had a treasurer and Krystal Souza explained that Many from animal control is the treasurer. Krystal Souza discussed the different types of fundraising that the dog park board would like to host to the park board. All the fundraising events will function as they have in the past. Diane Berube made a motion to approve the fundraising events to raise money for the dog park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas & accepted by all.

2. **New Bedford Post 1 Junior Legion Program** Discuss various maintenance issues with the David Diamond (Field #1) @ Buttonwood Park  
*Invitee: Scott Ryley*  
 Mary Rapoza and the Park board agreed to let Valovia Costa a staff member of the city of New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches department handle this item on the agenda. A vote was not needed for this item.
3. **DATMA** Discuss the placement of the photo displays at Tonnessen Park (June16-October 16)  
*Invitee: Lindsay Mis'*  
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 Lindsay Mis' from Massachusetts Design Art & Technology Institute presenting the idea of an public art display down by the waterfront about the hurricane barriers. Peter Boswell shared his concern with the art display being blown around by the wind and potentially causing litter. Lindsay Mis' explained that the display was signed off on by coastal engineers and is designed to handle the weather in the proposed area. Diane Berube motioned to approve this project, 2nd by Lee Blake & accepted by all.
4. **Go Green Campaign 2022 "Every day is earth day" @ Serenity Gardens on Saturday 6/18/22**  
*Invitee: Buddy Andrade*  
 No action needed for Serenity Gardens does not fall under the Park Board.
5. **WBN One Father's Day Cookout @ Hazelwood Park on Sunday 6/19/2022**  
*Invitee: Brian Magnett*  
 Brian Magnett did not appear in front of the park board. Parks, Recreation & Beaches, and DPI staff tried to reach out to Brian Magnett prior to the meeting with no response. No action can be taken for this event without representation present at the meeting.
6. **Alma Family Cookout @ Brooklawn Park on Thursday 6/23/2022**  
*Invitee: Becca Kurie*  
 Alma Del Mar Charter Schools is running the same event that it has in the past. The Park Board offers 75% discount for the non-profit organizations event. Motioned to approve the event with the 75% discount by Lee Blake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
7. **Reggae @ West Beach on Sunday 6/26/22, Sunday 7/31/22, & Sunday 8/28/22 to discuss**  
*Invitee: Fitz LaMarre*  
 Fitz LaMarre and *Chakira Gonsalves Elkhoury* explain the idea behind the Cachupa contest and that they have been working with the board of health. Motion to approve the Cachupa contest if all rules and regulations set by the health department are met, motioned by Elaine Safioleas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all. Fitz LaMarre explained why he wants to have corn hole at the event. Peter Boswell and Fitz LaMarre agree on the location of the corn hole boards. Justin Ohlson motioned to approve the corn hole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.
8. **New Life Southcoast Church Outdoor Service @ Hazelwood Park on Sunday 7/3/2022**  
*Invitee: Veronica Gomes*  
 Veronica Gomes explained the basic premises behind the outdoor service and what would be setup during the event. A walkthrough is already scheduled to discuss the porta potty. Diane Berube motions

to offer a 75% discount for the nonprofit organization making the fee 180.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Blake and accepted by all. Justin Ohlson motioned to approve the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

9. **Buy Black NB Vendor Market @ Custom House Square on Thursday 7/14/2022**

*Invitee: Amy DesRosiers*

Amy DesRosiers explains what this city sponsored event entails and that it is a popup vendor market in conjunction with July AHA! event. Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

10. **Food Patio (Patio DeComida) @ Riverside Park on Saturdays starting 7/16/22 & ending 8/27/22**

*Invitee: Corinn Williams*

Brian Pastori was present in Corinn's absence. Brian Pastori explained that they are working hand in hand with the board of health on the event. They will also have vaccine clinics at the event. Elaine Safioleas motioned to wave fee for the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all. Lee Blake motioned to approve the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

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

*Invitee: Jonathan Silva*

Jonathan Silva explained that he should have about 50 vendors at the event, he only charges the vendors to cover costs of the location of the event. He does not make anything off this type of event. They will have free shoes to give out to kids in the community. The board does require insurance for this event to take place. Diane Berube motions to offer a 75% discount for the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all. Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Ohlson and accepted by all.

12. **2022 Community Roll Out @ Buttonwood Park on Saturday 8/13/2022**

*Invitee: Chakira Gonsalves Elkhoury*

Elaine Safioleas motioned to take #12 out of order and discuss this event once #7 on the agenda had been voted on, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all. No fee, no bond required for this event. This event is like the Cape Verdean parade route, they will start at buttonwood and end at buttonwood. No porter potties set up in the park. Diane Berube motions to approve event 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

13. **Play In The Park @ Brooklawn Park Friday 6/24/2022**

*Invitee: Mike Neves*

Peter Boswell explains that Mike Neves can explain both Play In The Park events running at Brooklawn and Montes so the Park Board can vote on them at the same time. Mike Neves explains what both city sponsored events entail and that they are going to run the same as the past summer kickoff events. Justin Ohlson motioned to approve both Play In The Park events, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all.

14. **Play In The Park @ Montes Tuesday Park 6/28/2022**

*Invitee: Mike Neves*

This was approved in the vote with item number 13.

## OLD BUSINESS

### REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

Mary Rapoza read over her directors' report to the park board. She explains due to the class of 2020 not being able to go on their senior trip that they will be going this year and a few of our lifeguards will be on that trip. On 6/12/22, 6/18/22 & 6/19/22 East Beach will be open but unstaffed, and West Beach will have staff. The Parks, Recreation and Beaches department has been receiving fewer applications for the available summer job opportunities. The office staff is prepared to chip in if need be. The Hazelwood Bowling Greens walkway has been installed. Justin Ohlson motioned to receive and accept the directors report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### OTHER

Mary Rapoza reminded the park board that a vote is still needed on the beach rules. The park board discusses weather or not they would like to make any changes to the rules such as allowing floatation devices at the beaches. It is discussed and agreed upon that floatation devices are not safe to use at the New Bedford beaches, since a non-swimmer could be swept out if not properly supervised. Diane Berube motioned to not change the beach rules and to not add the allowance of floatation devices, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Blake and accepted by all.

### NEXT MEETING

7/20/2022 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center

Elaine Safioleas motioned to change the next meeting date to 7/13/2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Berube and accepted by all.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:07 PM

Lee Blake motioned to adjourn, Justin Ohlson 2<sup>nd</sup> by and accepted by all.

A true record attests Pete Rosall  
Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Felaccio

***In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),  
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.***