



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Buttonwood Community Center

1 Oneida Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

January 18, 2023

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@6:01PM

ROLL CALL Peter Boswell, Elaine Safioleas, Justin Ohlson, Diane Berube

ABSENT Lee Blake

ALSO, PRESENT: Christine Felaccio, Office Assistant III

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

Park Board review & approve minutes from the November meeting.

Elaine Safioleas motion to approve November's minutes, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. **Whaling City Golf Course** to discuss plans & rates for 2023

Invitee: Sue & Bruce Carlson

Sue & Bruce Carlson gave a review of the year at the Whaling City Golf Course for 2022. The Carlson's brought a packet for review which included their Annual Report for 2022 & a breakdown of all the fees for 2023. The Carlson's are keeping the 12-minute t-times for the golf course & have had a lot of positive feedback for that. The Carlson's would like to raise the fees by \$2.00 for 9 holes & \$4.00 for 18 holes. Peter Boswell & Justin Ohlson have heard personally from folks who have used the course & are pleased with how it's being run. Peter Boswell congratulated the Carlson's on their success running the Whaling City Golf Course & said the Whaling City Golf Course is one of his prides of being on the Park Board. The Carlson's thanked Peter & the Park Board. Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve rate

increases at the Whaling City Golf Course 2nd by Justin Ohlson & approved by all. Diane Berube motioned to receive & place on file the packet from the Carlson's with the Annual Report for 2022 & a breakdown of all the fees for 2023, 2nd Justin Ohlson & approved by all.

2. **Coastal Foodshed Inc. Signage @ the Buttonwood Community Center**

Invitee: Maisy McVicar

Maisy McVicar brought a photo of ideas that Coastal Foodshed has for signage at the Buttonwood Community Center. The Farmer's Market will use the signage to advertise about the Farmers Market. Maisy explained that Coastal Foodshed is open to any ideas & doesn't have anything set in mind. The Park Board discussed the idea of signage on the building & recommended using temporary signage such as yard signs. The Park Board & Christine Felaccio explained to Maisy that the department of Parks Recreation & Beaches can post fliers on the departments Facebook page & in the office & recreation centers to try to help advertise. The Farmer's Market does have yard signs & was instructed to keep using those signs for advertisement. Diane Berube asked if the Farmers Market could investigate more environmentally friendly options for their containers. Maisy explained that the Farmer's Market doesn't have say in what the vendors used & that each individual vendor choses their container. Maisy told Diane Berube she would spread the idea around to the vendors & ask that they think about changing their packaging.

3. **Spring Hunger Heroes @ Buttonwood Community Center on Saturday 3/25/2023**

Invitee: Kasey Dudek

Kasey Dudek explained that this event will run just like it has in the past. There will be a drop off for food collection to help feed kids while schools are closed during spring vacations. The community center will only be used if the weather prevents them from being outside. Diane Berube motioned to reduce the fees of the event by 50%, 2nd Justin Ohlson & accepted by all. Diane Berube motioned to ask DFFM to wave the remaining 50% of the fees, 2nd by Justin Ohlson & accepted by all. Diane Berube motioned to approve this event, 2nd by Justin Ohlson & accepted by all.

4. **Whaling City Festival @ Buttonwood Park on Thursday 7/6/2023 until Sunday 7/9/2023**

Invitee: Michael Sylvia & Eugene Dean

Peter Boswell thanked Michael & Eugene for the work they did last year. Michael & Eugene thanked Peter & the Park Board. Michael explains that he has noticed the new trees planted at Buttonwood Park & will be sure they are protected during the event. Michael & Peter discussed that the closing time should be set by the Chief of Police. Michael explained that he has a meeting scheduled with the Chief to discuss the closing time of the event. Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the Whaling City Festival pending determination of the closing time after meeting with Mr. Sylvia & the Chief of Police, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

5. **Whaling City Triathlon @ Fort Taber Park on Sunday 7/16/2023**

Invitee: Mark Walter

Mark Walter explained that this event has been running well & he will continue to keep it the same as last year. Peter Boswell asked Mark if he is looking for the exact same times for the rental of the park space & buildings. Mark agreed that what was booked last year is what he would like to book this year.

Peter explained to Mark that the price will be \$2,255.00, the same as last year. Mark agreed to the amount. Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the 14th Whaling City Triathlon, 2nd Diane Berube & accepted by all.

6. Save the date for 2023 Event

1) Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Stride Walk-A-Thon on Sunday 5/21/2023 @ Fort Taber Park, Fort Taber Community Center & Fort Taber Bathrooms
Elaine Safioleas motioned to save the date for the Great Stride Walk-A-Thon, 2nd by Justin Ohlson & accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Reports from Licensee's:

Whaling City Youth Baseball League

Justin Ohlson motioned to accept, receive & place on file the annual report from Whaling City Youth Baseball League, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

OTHER

NEXT MEETING

2/11/2023 @ 9am @ Whaling City Golf Course for Annual Park Board meeting
2/15/2023 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN @6:38PM

Justin Ohlson motioned to adjourn & approve the next meeting dates, 2nd by Diane Berube & accepted by all.

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if any accommodations are needed,
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Requests should be made as soon as possible
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