



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Buttonwood Park Community Center
1 Oneida Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

October 19th, 2016
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016; at Buttonwood Park Community Center, New Bedford, MA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Peter Boswell, Chairman
Elaine Safioleas, Member
Diane Berube, Member
Charles Cotter, Member
David Peixoto, Member

Also Present: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Department
Brian Nobrega, Administrative Specialist of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Department
Erika Rodriguez, Clerk Typist of Parks, Recreation, & Beaches Department

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ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

Motion to accept the Park Board meeting minutes of June 15, 2016 and August 17, 2016.

MOTION to accept the minutes of June 15, 2016 by Mr. Peixoto. **Second:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION to accept the minutes of August 17, 2016 by Mr. Peixoto **Second:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Request to have *Sail for the Kids* at Pope's Island June 23 – 26, 2017.

Invitee: Andy Herlihy & Bo Williams

Board has problems with the dates due to conflict on play ground construction and another event is taking place that day. They asked to save another date, Andy and Bo request not to have another date. The Board will come up with something due to not want to lose the event.

2. Request to have *Costume Family Fun Day* at Gomes School Park, October 29th, 2016 from 9am – 4pm.
Invitee: Mr. John Andrade

John Andrade is canceling the Costume Family Fun Day event due to things going on in the neighbor, but he will like to have an Earth Day event on April 22nd, 2017.

MOTION to save date by Ms. Berube. **Second:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Request to have *Paranormal Investigation 2016* at Fort Taber Park/ Fort Rodman, October 29 – 30, 2016 from 4pm – 4am.
Invitee: Mr. Tim Weisberg

DPI ordered the Battery Millkan to be close for this event. Tim Weisberg will not have the event due to having limited access at Fort Taber Park/Fort Rodman.

4. Request to have *Annual WWII Living history Camp & Demonstration* at Fort Taber Park June 9th – 11th, 2017.
Invitee: Mr. Joseph Langlois

The Park fee is estimated \$1500, will not have the event if they have to pay that amount. The Board will save the date until after the public hearing and then will talk about the fees.

Motion to save the date by Mr. Peixoto. **Second:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Request to have Whaling City Triathlon at Fort Taber/ West & East Beach, July 29th – 30th, 2017.
Invitee: Mr. Mark Walter

The Board will save the date until the Public Hearing, but Mark needs to keep in touch with Brian about the event.

Motion to save date by Ms. Safioleas. **Second:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

6. Request to have a *New Bedford High School Bonfire* at Buttonwood Park, November 23rd, 2016.
Invitee: Ms. Carrie Cetenich

The Board wants to know if there are any alternatives besides the Bon Fire, will save the date with the appropriate special event permit, Fire Department, and Police Department detail. The Board also requested that a representative from each class and also an environmental advisor to come to the next park board meeting, to receive any ideas or suggestions for the November Pep Rally besides the Bonfire at Buttonwood Park.

Motion to table by Ms. Safioleas. **No** by Ms. Berube. **Yes** by Mr. Peixoto. **No** by Mr. Cotter. **Yes** by Mr. Boswell. **3-Yes 2- No.**

Motion to request an advisor from the senior class, junior class, sophomore class, freshman class, and environmental class to come to the next park board meeting by Ms. Safioleas. **Second:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

7. Request to have *The Schwartz Center's Superhero Walk & 5K Race* at Fort Taber Park, September 15 – 16, 2017.
Invitee: Ms. Beatriz Oliveira

Ms. Oliveira request to have three parking lots at Fort Taber also the Community Center. She has a map outlining the 3 parking lots.

Motion to receive map and put on file by Mr. Peixoto. **Second:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

Motion to save date by Ms. Safioleas. **Second:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a letter of a Notice of the Public Hearing on October 27, 2016; for the acceptance of two layout alterations of Rivet St. at South Front St. and at Terminus.

Motion to receive and put on file by Ms. Safioleas. **Second:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

OTHER

Mr. Boswell will like an executive session for ten minutes to discuss the park fees.

Motion to approve by Ms. Berube. **Second:** Mr. Peixoto. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES. MOTION CARRIES.**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday November 16, 2016, 6:00 PM at Buttonwood Park Community Center.

The public meeting about the fees of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday November 30, 2016, 6:00 PM at Fort Taber Community Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Respectfully submitted,

Erika Rodriguez