



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR



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

June 15, 2016
6:00 PM

MINUTES

A meeting of the Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center, New Bedford, MA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

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; Craig Espinola, City Solicitors' Office

Motion to accept the Park Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2016.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

MOTION to take New Business (1), on the Addendum, out of order by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND** by Mr. Peixoto.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED> MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Espinola addressed the Board and explained the issue regarding the Board's vote to authorize Middlesex Corp. to access Pope's Island. There was no end date on the agreement. (Refer to the Park Board Minutes of November 23, 2011.) Middlesex Corp. continues to store equipment/tools on the bridge. A discussion was held. Mr. Espinola advised what needs to occur procedurally in order to rectify the situation.

MOTION by Mr. Peixoto to revoke permission for Middlesex Corp. to store their property on Pope's Island and to cease and desist storing their property on Pope's Island after forty-eight (48) hours. The Board authorizes

the City Solicitors' Office or its agents to file a No Trespassing Order on Middlesex Corp. and its affiliates. The Board also gives permission to the City of New Bedford, Department of Infrastructure, to remove the property and to store the property according to law. **SECOND** by Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
MOTION CARRIES.

1. Request to have the New Bedford Housing Authority "A Family Affair 2016" at Fort Taber Park Friday, Aug 19, 2016, 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM. No rain dates.

Invitee: Ms. Esperanza Alejandro Berube

They will need electricity and will recycle. Ms. Esperanza will speak to Ms. Rapoza regarding the reservation of a parking lot. They will also be providing a trolley. A \$5000 bond is required.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

2. Request to have Walk to End Alzheimer's Sat., Sept 24, 2016 at Ft. Taber from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Approved on 3-16-16 by Park Board. Board requested that they come back with description and map.

Invitee: Mr. Kyle Wadstrom

A \$5000 bond is required. They are reserving all three parking lots. They will not be using the building.

MOTION to receive and place on file the map and pamphlet by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

3. Request to have His Sanctuary Ministries Sat Aug 20, 2016 in Buttonwood Park from 3:00-9:00 PM.

Invitee: Ms. Marsh Tilley, Sedric Jole

The hours are #:00 to 8:00, not 9:00. A copy of the insurance from the provider for the bouncy house is required along with a \$5000 bond. They were instructed that they must recycle and are responsible to remove their trash. They may have to move a little because of the baseball games.

MOTION to approve pending providing the bouncy house insurance by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Request to have the CBC Opening of the Bay Sat. June 3, 2017 at Ft. Taber Park from 5:00-11:00 PM

Invitee: Ms. Mary Ellen De Frias

The date will be saved and they will come to the Park Board at a later date.

MOTION to save the date by Ms. Safioleas. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Request to have consideration of a memorial to honor Amy Blanchard at Buttonwood Park.

Invitee: Mr. Robert Heckman

Ms. Blanchard was Police Chief Provencer's secretary and used to walk around the park. Mr. Boswell explained there is a moratorium on memorials in the city parks.

6. Request to share plans for Noah's Playground at Marine Park on Pope's Island.

Invitee: Mr. and Mrs. Victor and Christine Fernandes

Mr. and Mrs. Fernandes discussed the plans regarding the handicapped playground being built in memory of Noah, their son.

7. Request to have lights and a concession stand at Clegg Field on Brock Ave for Whalers Football.
Invitee: Mr. Lydell London ~ not present

MOTION to table by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

8. Request use of parkland at Buttonwood Park for Bishop Stang fall sub-varsity soccer.
Invitee: Mr. Ryan Sylvia

Ms. Rapoza explained the process of permitting preference to New Bedford first. Mr. Sylvia stated that they have used the fields for the last three years, from 2:30-5:00 PM, and have taken care of the fields. Ms. Rapoza will check with Infrastructure tomorrow. They meet every two weeks. Mr. Sylvia stated that the goals would stay up.

9. Request consideration conversation about exclusive rights to Diamond 1 at Buttonwood Park.
Invitee: Mr. Mike Deston ~ not present

MOTION to table by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Berube. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
MOTION CARRIES.

10. Request from City Council Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications for consideration of naming the dog park the Captain Jack Peterson Dog Park.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Peixoto. **SECOND:** Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION to receive and place on file the communication from the Community Preservation Com. by Mr. Cotter.
SECOND by Ms. Safioleas. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES,**

OTHER

1. Carl Farnworth, from the Pony League, was in attendance. There was a discussion regarding opening day on Sunday. He stated that it's a zoo. Mr. Boswell suggested putting up horses. Ms. Rapoza will call the police department and the traffic commission. She will address the situation at the Infrastructure meeting tomorrow.

At Buttonwood Park, cars are parking on both sides of the street and on the grass. Trash is being left all over the area. Mr. Peixoto stated that going forward, when the Pony League has an event the soccer field should not be permitted out. They are looking to replace the fence on the main field.

2. There is a city ordinance regarding no releasing of balloons. Lynn Coish and Mary Lou Frey-Nicholson went to the City Council several months ago.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 6:00 PM, at the Buttonwood Park Community Center. **There will be no meeting in July.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Peixoto **SECOND:** Mr. Cotter. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIES.**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:08 PM

A true record attests _____

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Safioleas