

**BALLPARK COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE**

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10:00am

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Worcester Ballpark Commission (WBC): Chairman Moore, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Fisher, and Commissioner Harrity, Commissioner Maloney, Commissioner Mulhern, and Commissioner Perez

City of Worcester: Julie Lynch and Luis Castillo

WooSox: Dr. Charles Steinberg, Robert Malone, Hannah Butler, and Kim Miner

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Moore called to order the Ballpark Commissioner meeting at 10:02am.

2. Introductions

Chairperson Moore started a brief introduction of the commissioners.

3. WooSox Update

- a. Dr. Steinberg alongside Robert Malone, Hannah Butler, and Kim Miner provided an update from the WooSox. These ballpark updates included a new video board, new warning track seating, new AED and medical devices located throughout the Ballpark, new charging locations, an additional 3 gates that connect the Ballpark to the concourse, and the new WooSox red caravan.

4. City of Worcester Update

a. Orientation Summary & Scheduling

Ms. Lynch reminded the Commissioners to reach out to Pam Callahan to schedule Board and Commissioners orientation training.

b. Scheduling Community and Event Days

Ms. Lynch recommended the Board begin the process of hiring an Events Manager to help with the coordination of the 10 Worcester Days and 8 Revenue Days that the City of Worcester will manage. Ms. Lynch recommended a Request for Qualification (RFQ) from event management companies for the Board to review and submit a recommendation to the City Manager with associated cost.

Commissioner Harrity motioned for the acceptance of Ms. Lynch's recommendation for an RFQ for an Events Manager. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion. ***Motion was approved.***

Commissioners suggested the following:

1. Community Day: End of season small parade on the field for Little League in City and surrounding towns. Could be a Field Day/Pride Day, all day event, ball pit, homerun

derby, dunk tank. Could be a parade from City Hall. Football, soccer, could also be added. Cal Ripkin League should be included as well; same age, similar program.

- c. Ms. Lynch mentioned the commissioner has a limited scope and only focused around the Ballpark. Ms. Lynch requested that the WooSox staff provide a written update with financial data so the Commissioners can review and discuss capital and operational expenses in future meetings.

5. Schedule Ballpark Tours

Chairperson Moore recommended Commissioners reach out to Robert Malone to schedule Ballpark tours. Ms. Lynch offered to coordinate dates and circulate information to Commissioners.

6. Adopt Commission Meeting Schedule and Agenda

Ms. Lynch recommended the Commissioner meet once a month during the baseball season in order to catch up with the scheduling of Worcester Days and Revenue Days then schedule quarterly meetings during the offseason; meetings would as well be scheduled on an as needed basis. Adoption of a Commission Meeting Schedule is still to be determined and will be tabled for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioners and WooSox agreed to have the next meeting at 9am on April 19th. Future meetings could be held the second Tuesday of each month, but a pole to Commissioners will be taken to confirm best dates/times. Opening Day, April 12th should be avoided, and early on the 2nd Tuesday is not convenient for Commissioner Maloney.

7. Adjourn

Chairperson Moore requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mulhern motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Harrity seconded the motion. Ballpark Commission meeting adjourned at 10:53am.