

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday September 19, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Attendance (Roll Call)**
3. **Acceptance of the Minutes:** April 25, 2024 & June 13, 2024 (Roll Call)

4. **Accommodation Request:**

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**5. Public Participation:**

*There will be a two (2) hour time limit for this meeting unless a majority of the Commission Members present vote to extend the allotted time.*

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**6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)**

**7. Public Participation on Agenda Items:**

*A person may speak for no more than three (3) minutes on any item appearing on the agenda.*

**8. Old Business:**

*The individual /organization /group who has placed an item on the agenda may speak for no more than five (5) minutes in total on the item they have submitted.*

- Request of Commissioner Natalie Turner to discuss the care, maintenance, financial responsibility, and security of Newton Hill Parcel/Park
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- Commissioner Turner made a motion to refer to Law Department to provide an understanding of the open meeting law and the possibilities of changing the open meetings receipt of information for the agenda timeframe to be changed from 72 hours to give more time to view the agenda.
- Commissioner Stratton request an update regarding mowing/maintenance for the parcel along Indian Lake (149 W. Boylston Drive.
- Commissioner Stratton request an update on the removal of the gazebo & tree at Institute Park.
- Commissioner Stratton request for an update on yard signs in parks or along sidewalks adjacent to parks.
- Request of David Webb to speak on the Commission take steps toward improving participation such as publicizing in advance meetings where things that will determine public policies. Consider using existing methods such as using mailing lists or when announcing park name changes as well as new options.
- Request of David Webb to speak on the parks commission to hold any voting on newly implemented rules until after a meeting that has been given sufficient notice, in consideration of the September meeting not being on the municipal calendar until two weeks prior and it will predictably have low public attendance to determine if the new rules are helpful or prohibitive.
- Request of David Webb to speak on an audit of which parks have what accessibility features to consider improving and prioritizing any needed changes.
- Request of Chris Michelotti to speak on rental fees for parks in the City of Worcester and the council working on a different pricing structure based on openness to the community and if the events are for profit and what comes with the costs of the parks.
- Request of Carleen Miller to speak on Issues at Elm Park including:
  - Process or hour changes for the Parks to address issues reported in the parks. Monitoring activity.
  - Calls to voice mail @ 11:00 PM.
  - Why does removal of homeless encampments tents, bikes, trash take weeks to be removed from public parks.
  - Unauthorized entry in the parks starting to be more frequent in Elm Park since school resumed.

- Newton Hill Summit had over 30 high school students partying on the summit after Friday September 13, 2024, football game.
- Elm Park Playground had 10 – 15 individuals on the playground on Friday September 13, 2024, at 11:00 PM.
- Please provide the process that should be used to notify Parks (and Police) when residents detect violations in the Parks. How does the process work.

**10. Tabled Items:**

*Items need to be requested at a meeting to be taken off the table and then discussed at the next meeting.*

- NA

**11. Date of Next Meeting:**

- October 10, 2024
- November 21, 2024
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**12. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call):**

*The Parks & Recreation Commission reserves the right to allow and individual /organization /group who has placed an item on the agenda additional time if a motion made by a member of the commission is made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote of the members present.*

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION **MINUTES**

Thursday April 25, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

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### AGENDA

**Administration Present:**

Jeffrey Tomaino, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Scott Morin, Maintenance Director (Virtual)

Milagros Pacheco, Staff Assistant III

1. Call to Order – 6:31 PM
2. Attendance (Roll Call) – Commissioner present:
  - Nick Chacharone
  - Brian Dardy
  - Kevin Githiari - Virtual
  - Eric Goldstein
  - Eric Stratton
  - Erin Zamarro



3. Acceptance of the Minutes for February 29, 2024 & April 4, 2024 (Roll Call)
  - Commissioner Stratton made a motion to approve the minutes for February 29, 2024. Second by Commissioner Dardy. All were favor. Motion was approved 6-0.
  - Commissioner Stratton made a motion to approve the minutes for April 4, 2024. Second by Commissioner Goldstein. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
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6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)
7. Old Business
  - Request of the Parks & Recreation Commission to establish a framework for its meeting to allow for better public comment and Commission discussion.
    - Include public comment period on agenda (time allocation)
    - Include petitioner comment period on agenda (time allocation)
    - Include an implementation date
  - There was a discussion by the Parks Commission, all Commissioners were in favor of setting up time allocation. There was also some public participation, there were some suggestions such as:
    - Setting a 2-hour format meeting.
    - Adding a 5-minute time allocation to Old Business.
    - Adding extensions as City Council for presentations.
    - The change to the for public comment period time allocation should be advertised to the public as it affects the public and future park meetings.
    - A recommendation for Mr. Antonelli to come back with a final proposed recommendation based on the suggestions at this meeting.



- Someone can ask for more time, and Commissioners can vote on if they allot more time.
- Clarity on the time allocated will it be per item or per person.
- Just as there is a note on when to submit the agenda 3 days business days before the meeting. A note can be added that explains the new time allocation and “we kindly ask you to let us know if you require more than. 5 minutes Please let us know how much time you would like to request.”
- Mirroring what City Council does to stay consistently across the board.
- Meeting structure should be announced at the beginning of each meeting or added to each agenda as part of the New Business, under other rules about Agenda items.
- Recommended time allocation for Public Participation 3 minutes on any item appearing on agenda, 5 minutes on old business and 5 minutes on items they have submitted.
- Commissioner Stratton made a motion to have Assistant Commissioner Antonelli come back with the sort of revisions asked for suggested time allocation for Public Participation 3 minutes on any item appearing on agenda, 5 minutes on old business and 5 minutes on items they have submitted, with the intent to vote on the May meeting and test run it in the June meeting. Also, to revisit this item in the September meeting or at least have it on the agenda so that if there’s a need to make a revision it can be made. Second by Commissioner Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.

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- Request of Joe Johnson to speak to the Commission on a project at Dodge Park
- Mr. Johnson was looking for approval on a volunteer effort to clear brush, and invasive plants in Dodge Park from the downslope side of Arthurs Stone Bridge to the edge of the Main Meadow. He submitted a proposed plan along with materials to be used and a signed RDA CC-2024-020 from Conservation Commission.
- Commissioner Dardy made a motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Stratton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.

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10. Date of Next Meeting:

- May 23, 2024
- June 13, 2024
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11. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

1. General:

- Request of the WCACA to hold an event on the Worcester Common  
There was nobody present or virtually to represent this event.
- Request of Centro Las Americas to hold an event at Elm Park  
Nelida Machicote was representing Centro Las Americas, she gave a description of the event.  
Commissioner Chacharone made a motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Goldstein. All were in favor. Motion was approved 6 – 0.
- Request of World of Foods Worcester to hold an event at Elm Park  
There was nobody present or virtually to represent this event.





- Grant Applications –
  - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant – Tacoma St Playground - Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – University Park - Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Great Brook Valley – Awarded (Update)
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Sever Street – Awarded
  - Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grant Award for NA
- Economic Development Initiatives –
  - NA
- Cultural Events-
  - NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations –
  - NA
- Capital Improvement Programs
  - Apricot Street Playground - NA
  - Ball Property - NA
  - Banis Street Playground - NA
  - Beaver Brook Park - NA
  - Bell Pond – NA
  - Bennett Field – NA
  - Betty Price Playground – NA
  - Blackstone Gateway Park – NA
  - Blithwood Park – NA
  - Boynton Park – NA
  - Burncoat Park – NA
  - Burncoat Playground – NA
  - Cascades Park – NA
  - Castle Park – NA
  - Coal Mine Brook – NA
  - Common – NA
  - Coes Park (Knife) – NA
    - Stearns Tavern
    - Playground
  - Coes Pond – NA
  - Columbus Park –
    - NA
  - Cookson Park – NA
  - Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) –
    - NA
  - Crompton Park – NA
  - Dodge Park – NA
  - Elm Park – NA
    - Newton Hill - NA
  - Fairmont Park – NA
  - Farber Field – NA



- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation – NA
  - Green Hill Farm - NA
  - Community Gardens - NA
  - WWI - NA
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – NA
  - Walkway Design - NA
  - Salisbury Pond - NA
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field – Update
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Sever Street Park -NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – NA
- Spillane Field – NA
- South Worcester Park - NA
- Tacoma Street Playground – NA
- TY Cobb – NA
- University Park – NA
- Vernon Hill – NA
- Wetherall Estates (Duffy Field) – NA
- 149 West Boylston Drive - NA
- Winslow & Pleasant – NA
- Aquatic Master Plan – NA
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – NA
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Request to keep Artwork in Elm Park - NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – NA



- Misc. items:
  - Keep Worcester Clean –
    - NA
  - City Council Orders –
    - NA
  - City Council Petitions –
    - NA
  - Forestry Operations –
    - Tree City USA - NA
    - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
    - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
    - Arbor Day – April 26, 2024
  - Budget – Operational & Capital - NA
    - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
    - Capital Improvement Program – NA
    - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
    - City Auditor Communications - NA
  - Summer Youth Employment Program – Update
  - Aquatics – NA
    - Christian’s Law – NA
  - Recreation Worcester - NA
  - Holiday Tree – NA
  - Worcester Common Ice-Skating Rink - NA
  - Waterfowl in Park – NA
  - Out-to-Lunch – NA
  - Trash – NA
  - Park Permits –
    - NA
  - Access/ ADA – NA
  - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck – Update (Out to Bid)
  - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
  - Veterans Memorials - NA
  - Misc. Information –
    - NA
- Golf Course:
  - Fees & Policies - NA
  - Golf Course Donations – NA
- Date of Next meeting – May 23, 2024
- Commissioner Chacharone made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Goldstein. All were in favor. Motion approved 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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**Administration Present:**

Jeffrey Tomaino, Parks & Recreation Coordinator  
Scott Morin, Maintenance Director (Virtual)  
John Grant, General Foreman (Virtual)  
Milagros Pacheco, Staff Assistant III

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM
2. Attendance (Roll Call) Commissioners Present:
  - a. Brian Dardy
  - b. Eric Stratton
  - c. Natalie Turner
  - d. Erin Zamarro
3. Acceptance of the Minutes for April 25, 2024
  - a. Commissioner Turner made a motion to table. Second by Commissioner Dardy. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.



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  - Request of the Parks & Recreation Commission to establish a framework for its meeting to allow for better public comment and Commission discussion.
    - Include public comment period on agenda (time allocation)
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    - Include an implementation date.
      - The Parks Commission had a discussion within themselves as well as with Mr. Webb on voting on this framework. The Commission reiterated that if this framework doesn’t work, they can vote to change it. There were discussions on how to structure the motion to make a better framework.
      - Commissioner Stratton made a motion to approve the framework provided, with the addition that the 2 hour timeframe may be changed with a motion and approval by a majority of members in attendance, having this agenda item added to the November meeting to revisit and discuss, and to allow for public input on whether the public agrees that the framework works and to include the item to be review annually. Second by Commissioner Dardy. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
      - Commissioner Turner made a motion to refer to Law Department to provide an understanding of the open meeting law and the possibilities of changing the open meetings receipt of information for the agenda timeframe to be changed from 72 hours to give more time to view the agenda. Second by Commissioner Dardy. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
      - Commissioner Dardy made a motion to move the new time allocation to the top of the agenda to ensure public is aware of the timeframe. Second by Commissioner Stratton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

- Commissioner Stratton made a motion that the items on the agenda currently tabled be moved to old business for the September meeting, and have the Parks Department please reach out to the respective individuals that requested those items to let them know that their items are being moved back to old business if they would like to speak about them at the September meeting. Second by Commissioner Turner. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

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- Request of Central MA Trans Visibility to install a garden at the new park on Sever Street.
  - A couple representatives from Central MA Trans Visibility came in to request approval of their request to install a garden of tulips at the park on Sever Street. Their objective is to shed light on the challenges faced by the transgender community while highlighting the resilience and beauty of their experiences, through an interactive community garden, they aim to create a shared space where people can come together, be visible and engage authentically, and they would plant a tulip in memory of a trans life that has been lost the prior year.
  - The Commission had discussions, questions, and comments, they were in favor of this project.
  - Commissioner Dardy made a motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Stratton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- Request of Carleen Miller regarding the funding identified on the April 9, 2024, City Council Agenda.
  - Ms. Carleen Miller had questions about the \$250,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth of MA. She was against the city paving the walking paths to the field or on that hill.
  - Mr. Tomiano explained that the grant was recently awarded and the City hasn't determined how to spend that funding.
  - The Commission had discussions they requested that the Parks Division keep communication with The Friends of Newton Hill keep them involved and updated on what the grant funds will be used for.
  - Greg a neighbor from Newton Square spoke on behalf of Ms. Carleen Millers request.
  - Rick Miller also spoke on this request, he said he hopes this grant doesn't jeopardize their grant application for improvements at Newton Hill, and he requested the city keeps them in the loop.
- Request of Nancy Ortiz regarding handball courts in Worcester.
  - Was not in attendance.
  - Commissioner Turner requested an update from the City Manager's Office, regarding the letter sent to him.
  - Commissioner Dardy made a motion to add Commissioner Turner's request to the next agenda. Second by Commissioner Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- Request of Worcester Renegades Youth Street Hockey League Josh Fahlbeck regarding the rink at Beaver Brook Park

- Was not in attendance.
- Request of Casita Cultural Latina regarding the installation of art at the Winslow Park (Peace Park)
  - German Chiriboga from Casita Cultura Latina spoke in reference to the sculpture they want to put up at Winslow Park.
  - The Commission had questions regarding height, weight, location, securing, sharp edges, and vandalism. The Commission was in favor of this request.
  - Annesia from Worcester Common Ground also spoke on behalf of this project and added that they will be assisting by painting the retaining wall.
  - Commissioner Dardy made a motion to approve with the understanding that Casita Cultura will be working with the Parks Department on the safety and requirements. Second by Commissioner Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

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#### 11. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)



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## ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

### 1. General:

- Request of the WCACA to hold an event on the Worcester Common
  - Casey Denis called in to request approval for the WCACA event at the Common on July 21, 2024. She happened to also mention that they hold another event at Institute Park in August.
  - The Commission had a discussion, there was some confusion about the two events for this organization because only one application was available. The reason there was only one application was because their organization holds the Worcester Carnival at Institute Park, but they did not have to go in front of the Parks & Recreation Commission because of the amount of years they have been holding it.
  - Commissioner Stratton made motion to approve the July event at the Common. Second by Commissioner Turner. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
  - Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve subject to a full application being received by the Parks Department and final details be approved by Special Events. Second by Commissioner Dardy. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- Request of World of Food Worcester to hold an event at Elm Park.
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  - NA
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- Elm Park – NA
  - Newton Hill - NA
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
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  - Green Hill Farm
  - Community Gardens
  - WWI
- Greenwood Park – NA
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- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – NA
  - Walkway Design
  - Salisbury Pond - NA
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field – Update
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – NA
- Shore Park – NA
- Spillane Field – NA
- South Worcester Park - NA
- Tacoma Street Playground – NA
- TY Cobb – NA

- University Park – NA
- Vernon Hill – NA
- Wetherall Estates (Duffy Field) – NA
- 149 West Boylston Drive - NA
- Winslow & Pleasant – NA
- Aquatic Master Plan – NA
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – NA
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Request to keep Artwork in Elm Park - NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs – NA
- Rectangular Field Development – NA
- Park Monument Review – NA
- Misc. items:
  - Keep Worcester Clean –
    - NA
  - City Council Orders –
    - NA
  - City Council Petitions –
    - NA
  - Forestry Operations –
    - Tree City USA - NA
    - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
    - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
    - Arbor Day – April 25, 2025
  - Budget – Operational & Capital - NA
    - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Update
    - Capital Improvement Program – Update
    - Community Preservation Act Budget – Commissioner Stratton gave an update regarding setting a budget for FY25 as well as hiring of staff to assist the committee.
    - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
    - City Auditor Communications - NA
  - Summer Youth Employment Program – Currently hiring season maintenance workers and gatekeepers.
    - Lifeguards would be hired by the YMCA
  - Aquatics – NA
    - Christian’s Law – NA
  - Recreation Worcester - NA
  - Holiday Tree – NA
  - Worcester Common Ice-Skating Rink - NA
  - Waterfowl in Park – NA
  - Out-to-Lunch – NA
  - Trash – NA
  - ESCo – NA
  - Park Permits –
    - See Above
  - Access/ ADA – NA
  - Mobile Concession/ Food Truck – Update
  - [Policies & Procedures | City of Worcester, MA \(worcestermma.gov\)](https://www.worcesterma.gov)
  - ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
  - Veterans Memorials - NA
  - Misc. Information –
    - NA
- Golf Course:

- Fees & Policies - NA
- Golf Course Donation – NA
  
- Date of Next meeting – September 19, 2024
  
- Commissioner Stratton made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Turner. All were in favor. Motion approved 4 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

**A copy of this full meeting will be available to view and listen to at:  
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# **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Thursday September 19, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

Or

Virtual with Teams

## **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL**



**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**1. General:

- Request of Sean Rose, Mayor Joseph M. Petty, and District 1 Councilor Jenny Pacillo to rename Indian Hill Park to the "Jeff Cammuso Sports Complex at Indian Hill Park". A hearing on this naming will be set for Thursday November 21, 2024.
- Grant Applications –
  - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant – Tacoma St Playground - Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – University Park - Awarded
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Great Brook Valley – Awarded
  - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Sever Street – Awarded
  - NA
- Economic Development Initiatives –
  - NA
- Cultural Events-
  - NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations –
  - NA
- Capital Improvement Programs
  - Apricot Street Playground - NA
  - Ball Property - NA
  - Banis Street Playground - NA
  - Beaver Brook Park - NA
  - Bell Pond – NA
  - Bennett Field – NA
  - Betty Price Playground – NA
  - Blackstone Gateway Park – NA
  - Blithwood Park – NA
  - Boynton Park – NA
  - Burncoat Park – NA
  - Burncoat Playground – NA
  - Cascades Park – NA
  - Castle Park – NA
  - Coal Mine Brook – NA
  - Common – NA
  - Coes Park (Knife) – NA
    - Stearns Tavern
    - Playground
  - Coes Pond – NA
  - Columbus Park –
    - NA
  - Cookson Park – NA

- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) –
  - NA
- Crompton Park – NA
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park – NA
  - Newton Hill - NA
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation – NA
  - Green Hill Farm
  - Community Gardens
  - WWI
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - NA
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
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July 16, 2024

Worcester Parks Commission  
50 Manny Familia Way  
Worcester, MA 01605

Dear Members of the Worcester Parks Commission,

I, Sean Rose, former District 1 City Councilor in concert with Jenny Pacillo, current District 1 City Councilor, and Mayor Joseph M. Petty propose renaming Indian Hill Park to the *Jeff Cammuso Sports Complex at Indian Hill Park*. This proposal honors Jeff Cammuso, a dedicated caretaker of the park for decades, whose contributions have significantly enriched our community.

Jeff Cammuso's leadership and dedication to Indian Hill Park have been extraordinary. His commitment to the park's maintenance and development is unparalleled. Jeff played a crucial role in caring for the monument dedicated to the five teenagers tragically lost in December of 1968, ensuring it remained a respectful and honored site. Additionally, Jeff's efforts in designing and building the snack shack for youth sports not only enhanced the park's facilities but also provided a sustainable source of funding that helped keep league costs affordable for neighborhood families.

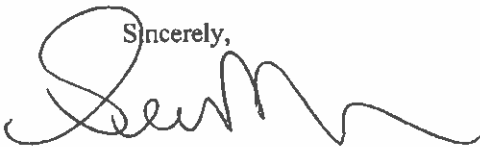
Jeff's impact extends beyond these individual projects. As President of Joe Schwartz Little League and Greendale Youth Football, his leadership fostered a sense of community and provided countless opportunities for young athletes. His stewardship ensured that the park remained a vibrant and welcoming space for all. Jeff's work ethic, spirit, and values have left an indelible mark on our community, setting a standard of dedication and care that is truly commendable.

Renaming Indian Hill Park to the Jeff Cammuso Sports Complex at Indian Hill Park would be a fitting tribute to Jeff's decades of service and commitment. It would recognize and honor his invaluable contributions, ensuring that his legacy of community spirit and dedication to youth sports is remembered and appreciated for generations to come. This renaming would serve as a lasting reminder of the positive impact one individual can have on their community.

We believe that the renaming of the park to honor Jeff Cammuso is not only appropriate but necessary to adequately acknowledge his countless efforts and the profound difference he has made in our community. His tireless work has shaped Indian Hill Park into the cherished community space it is today, and it is fitting that the park bears his name as a testament to his legacy.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We hope you will join us in honoring Jeff Cammuso by renaming Indian Hill Park to the *Jeff Cammuso Sports Complex at Indian Hill Park*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean Rose, M.Ed.  
Former District 1 – City Councilor (2018-2023)



**Eric D. Batista**  
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 10, 2024

Attachment for Item #9.2 C

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

In accordance with Sections 3 – 7 of Chapter 44B MGL, and Revised Ordinances of 2015, Part Two, Organization of City Agencies, Article III, Section 19, I wish to notify your Honorable Body that I have reappointed the following individual to the Community Preservation Committee, subject to City Council confirmation.

**REAPPOINTMENTS**

District 2     **MAGLIARO, Timothy (Conservation Commission Delegate)**  
(Term to end on September 1, 2027)

District 5     **LONGOBARDO, Odeta**  
(Term to end on September 1, 2027)

District 1     **STRATTON, Eric (Parks Commission Delegate)**  
(Term to end on September 1, 2027)

**WORCESTER RESIDENTS**

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista  
City Manager

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Effective 9-10-24**

**FUNCTION:** The Community Preservation Committee is to develop and update a Community Preservation Plan that will guide its funding recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council.

**CLASSIFICATION:** Executive

**CREATED BY:** Sections 3 - 7 of Chapter 44B MGL, and Revised Ordinances of 2015, Part Two, Organization of City Agencies, Article III, Section 19

**MEMBERSHIP:** NINE (9) members, including five (5) statutorily required members - delegates from Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Parks Commission, and Worcester Housing Authority, as well as four (4) at large members appointed by the City Manager

**AND CONFIRMED BY CITY COUNCIL**

**TERM:** Three (3) years

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** None

**ROSTER**

|  |                       |               |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Odeta Longobardo</b>                            | Original Appointment: | 1-9-24        |
|  | Reappointment Date:   | 9-10-24       |
|  | Expiration Date:      | <b>9-1-27</b> |
|  | District:             | 5             |
| <b>Barry Fradkin</b>                               | Original Appointment: | 7-18-23       |
|  | Reappointment Date:   |               |
|  | Expiration Date:      | <b>9-1-25</b> |
|  | District:             | 3             |
| <b>Frank Callahan</b>                              | Original Appointment: | 7-18-23       |
|  | Reappointment Date:   |               |
|  | Expiration Date:      | <b>9-1-25</b> |
|  | District:             | 4             |
| <b>Monica Adwani</b>                               | Original Appointment: | 10-3-23       |
|  | Reappointment Date:   |               |
|  | Expiration Date:      | <b>9-1-26</b> |
|  | District:             | 1             |
| <b>Edward Moynihan</b><br>Planning Board           | Original Appointment: | 7-18-23       |
|  | Reappointment Date:   |               |
|  | Expiration Date:      | <b>9-1-26</b> |
|  | District:             | 1             |
| <b>Timothy Magliaro</b><br>Conservation Commission | Original Appointment: | 1-23-24       |
|  | Reappointment Date:   | 9-10-24       |
|  | Expiration Date:      | <b>9-1-27</b> |
|  | District:             | 2             |

**Diane Long**  
Historical Commission

Original Appointment: 7-18-23  
Reappointment Date:  
Expiration Date: **9-1-25**  
District: 5

**Eric Stratton**  
Parks

Original Appointment: 10-3-23  
Reappointment Date: 9-10-24  
Expiration Date: **9-1-27**  
District: 1

**Bill Eddy**  
WHA

Original Appointment: 7-18-23  
Reappointment Date:  
Expiration Date: **9-1-25**  
District: 1

