



**THE CITY OF WORCESTER**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS  
PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY DIVISION  
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Meeting Minutes for  
Thursday, March 10, 2016 – 6:30 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Scott Cashman  
Nick Chacharone  
John Lauring  
George Sedares  
Lawrence Sullivan

**Administration Present:**

Jeff Tomaino, Park & Recreation Coordinator

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Serving as Chairman was Mr. Sedares and he called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

- Mr. Sedares went on to the acceptance of the minutes, there were no minutes finalized. Acceptance of Minutes was moved to the March 31, 2016 meeting.
- Mr. Sedares opened the floor for the Assistant Commissioner's Report; Mr. Antonelli was not present Mr. Jeff Tomaino reported as follows:
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first item of business:
  - Permit Application clarification on Refunds
    - Mr. Tomaino explained that the wording of the refund policy was reworded to clarify the policy. No changes were made to the policy only the wording. There was no need to vote on it as the policy stays the same.
- Mr. Tomaino went on with the report as follows:
- Grant Applications –
  - Coes Knife - Awarded
  - TD Green Streets Grant – Haven't Heard yet
  - National Fish & Wild Life – Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program Grant
  - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Betty Price
- Economic Development Initiatives - NA
- Park Vandalism & Graffiti – NA
- Donations – Skyhawks Donation
- 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 – Master Plan has been approved by CC
  - Blackstone Gateway Park – NA
  - Blithewood Park – NA

- Boynton Park – NA
- Burncoat Park – Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Burncoat Playground – NA
- Cascades Park – NA
- Castle Park – Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
  - WWII & Civil War – under construction
- Coes Knife Park
  - Stearns Tavern
  - Playground
- Coes Pond – NA
- Columbus Park – NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – Under construction – Phase I
- Dodge Park – NA
- Elm Park – NA
  - Task Force
  - Bridge
  - Newton Hill
- Fairmont Park – NA
- Farber Field – NA
- Grant Square – NA
- Great Brook Valley Playground – NA
- Green Hill Park Renovation
  - Green Hill Farm – Under construction restroom building and two storage buildings.
  - Green Hill Park Pavillion – Awarded Re-roofing of the Pavillion
- Greenwood Park – Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Hadwen Park – NA
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (South Worcester) - Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Holland Rink – Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Holmes Field - Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Indian Hill Park – Update
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park
  - Restroom Facility & Gazebo – Gazebo is up and under construction
  - Salisbury Pond
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake Park State (possible Synthetic Field) - NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field - Master Plan has been approved by CC
- Oakland Heights Playground – NA
- Providence Street Playground – NA
- Ramshorn Island – NA
- Rockwood Field – NA
- Salisbury Park (Bancroft Tower) – NA
- Shale Street Playground – Master Plan

- Shore Park – NA
- Spillane Field – 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 – Currently being updated
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – NA
- Dog Park, Licensing & Control of Dogs
  - Public hearings will be starting up again – May 5th
- Rectangular Field Development – Master Plan Update
  - Public hearings will be starting up again April 6
- Misc. items:
  - Keep Worcester Clean –
    - November 2015 & December 2015
  - City Council Orders
    - Worcester Common
    - Tenacity
  - Petitions
    - Tree Planting
    - Roller Skating
  - Forestry Operations – Update
    - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
    - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
  - Budget Update – Operational & Capital -
    - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division
    - Capital Improvement program
    - City Five Point Financial Plan - NA
  - Summer Youth Employment Program
    - Park Steward program
    - Aquatics
    - Maintenance
  - Wheels to Water – Now “Recreation Worcester” - NA
  - Holiday Tree – NA
  - Worcester Common Ice Skating Rink – Closed for the Season
  - Waterfowl in Park – NA
  - Out-to-Lunch – NA
  - Trash – NA
  - ESCo – NA
  - Park Permits – NA
  - Access/ ADA – NA
  - Mobile Concession - NA
  - Misc. Information –
    - Seasonal Events Article
    - Coes Knife
    - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
  - NA

- Golf Course:
  - Opened up early this season
- Golf Course Donations
  - NA
- Tabled Items: - Smoking in Public Parks – NA
  - Motion was made to adjourn, Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 - 0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM
  
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: March 31, 2016 – 6:30 PM