



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, September 26, 2019 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Nick Chacharone
Mary Anne Dube
Eric Goldstein
Julie Ann Lamacchia
John Lauring
Bowen Lee

Administration Present:

Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Mr. Lauring called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- Mr. Lauring went on to the acceptance of the minutes September 5, 2019.
 - Mrs. Dube made a motion to accept minutes, Mr. Chacharone second the motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7-0.
- Mr. Lauring turned the meeting over to Mr. Tomaino for the Assistant Commissioners report:
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first item on the Assistant Commissioners report:
 - Request of Conor Synan to perform an Eagle Scout Project on the East West Trail
 - Working with Park Sprit to add trail and mile markers to the East/ West Trail for his Eagle Scout Project. Informational kiosks that are 4x4 made from plywood. Plans on using the Robotics and animation shop at Worcester Technical High School to fabricate brackets and install solar panel lights that turn on at night and charge during the day.
 - Mr. Goldstein asked how many were being installed there will be 5 and a mile marker.
 - Mr. Cashman asked if there is signage there or if this is a first. There are a few installed.
 - Mr. Goldstein asked if the signage will be uniformed Mr. Tomaino said yes.
 - Mr. Chacharone made a motion to approve. Mr. Cashman second the motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7-0.
 - Update on Mosquito Control and Field availability
 - Mr. Tomaino said that we are following the recommendation of the Board of Health with not having our field's lights on and not giving out permits after a certain time until further notice when the first hard frost happens.
 - Mr. Cashman asked if this has been a burden to us
 - Mr. Tomaino responded no and that people understand.

- Mr. Lee asked if Worcester is at critical risk.
- Request to install a flag pole and storage container in Reed Field @ the Knights of Columbus Park
 - Jamie from Worcester Rugby club is looking to donate a flag pole at Reed Field. The dimensions of the flag pole is 20 feet and will have inlay ropes so it makes it harder for people to vandalize. The flag pole is for a memorial to a club member who passed.
 - Mr. Lauring asked what size flag fits on a 20' pole and Jamie responded a standard maybe a 5x5 or 5x10 size flag. Mr. Goldstein asked if the donation was the flag and the pole.
 - Jamie replied yes.
 - Mr. Lauring asked if Parks had any issues
 - Mr. Tomaino responded that Mr. Antonelli reviewed the location and was okay with it. He added that when they purchase the pole they would like to review it and make sure it goes in the ground properly.
 - Mr. Chacharone asked if Parks was putting in the pole or the company they are buying the pole from.
 - Jamie responded that the company they are buying from will also install it. A club member's father owns a flag pole company so they will do the work.
 - Mr. Lee asked if there will be any signage for the memorial.
 - Jamie said not at this time maybe at a later date.
 - Mr. Goldstein asked about the container piece.
 - Jamie said the container is 20x10 ft. and it will be back behind the flag pole but won't happen until late spring or summer of 2020.
 - Ms. Lamacchia asked how it would be locked
 - Jamie said it was going to be padlocked.
 - Mr. Goldstein motioned to approve, Mrs. Dube second the motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7-0.
- Grant Applications –
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Hadwen Park – Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Columbus Park- Update
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Crompton Park – Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Mulcahy Field - Submitted
- 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 – Update Ribbon Cutting 10-31-19
 - Boynton Park – NA

- Burncoat Park – NA
- Burncoat Playground – NA
- Cascades Park – NA
- Castle Park – NA
- Common Master Plan Implementation – NA
- Coes Park (Knife) – Update
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
- Coes Pond – NA
- Columbus Park – NA
- Cookson Park – NA
- Cristoforo Columbo (East Park) – NA
- Crompton Park – Update groundbreaking on 10-29-19
- 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 – Update
 - Green Hill Farm
 - Community Gardens
 - WWI
- Greenwood Park – NA
- Hadwen Park – Update & Ribbon Cutting 9-24-19 @ 4:30 PM
- Harrington Field – NA
- Harry Sherry Field (S. Worcester) - Update
- Holland Rink - NA
- Holmes Field - NA
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – Update & Ground Breaking 9-19-19 @ 4:30 PM
 - Walkway Design
 - Salisbury Pond
- Kendrick Field – NA
- Knights of Columbus – NA
- Korean War Memorial – NA
- Lake Park – NA
- Lake Park State - NA
- Lake View Playground – NA
- Logan Field – NA
- Morgan Landing – NA
- Mulcahy Field – Update & Ribbon Cutting 10-30-19 @ 4:30 PM
- 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
- 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 – Update First meeting was 9-26-19
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-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 –
 - Coes Pond
 - Public Shade Trees
 - City Tree Policy
 - Public Shade Trees at 360 Massasoit
 - Public Shade tree removal and replanting
 - Climate Emergency
 - US Soccer Foundation
 - Adult Fitness in Parks
 - Green Hill Park & Crown Hill
 - Green Hill Park Crown Hill use as Parking
 - Green Hill Park Crown Hill (4) Events
 - Skate Park in Green Hill Park
 - Community Soccer Field
 - Soccer Goals at City Parks
 - Vernon Hill Baseball Field
 - East Side Babe Ruth to use Green Hill Park Athletic Field
 - Trajectory Study at Vernon Hill Park
 - Petitions –
 - Flag Poles at Elm Park
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – NA
 - Budget – Operational & Capital - Update
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – Update
 - Capital Improvement Program – Update

- City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
 - City Auditor Communications - NA
 - Summer Youth Employment Program – NA
 - 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 - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
- Veterans Memorials - NA
- Misc Information –
 - Article on Marshall Silverman
 - Article on Harrington Way Field
 - Article on VVM
 - Article on hiring on construction projects
 - Article on Aquatics
 - Article on Notre Dame Church
 - City Council Youth Parks & Recreation Sub Committee
- NA
- Golf Course:
 - NA
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Luring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Chacharone. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM
- Next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting: October 24, 2019 – 6:30 PM