



THE CITY OF WORCESTER
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- PARKS, RECREATION, & CEMETERY
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Meeting Minutes for
Thursday – February 25, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting
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Commissioners Present:

Scott Cashman
Mary Ann Dube
Eric Goldstein
Julie Ann Lamacchia
Bowen Lee
Natalie Turner
Erin Zamarro

Administration Present:

Jeffrey Tomaino, Recreation Coordinator
Milagros Pacheco, Senior Accountant

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

- Chair Mr. Cashman called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM. He went on to the acceptance of the minutes for February 4, 2021.
 - Ms. Dube made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Ms. Lamacchia. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0. (Ms. Zamarro & Mr. Goldstein abstained from voting in minutes as they were not present at the February 4, 2021 meeting, and Ms. Turner had difficulty login in to the meeting therefore she wasn’t present at the time of the vote).
- Mr. Cashman turned the meeting over to Mr. Jeffrey Tomaino for the first item on the Assistant Commissioners report since there were no Committee Reports.
- Mr. Tomaino went on to the first and only item on the agenda:
 - Update on New Parks & Recreation Commission Member
 - Mr. Tomaino introduced Ms. Erin Zamarro a new Parks Commission member. She was welcomed by other Commission members.

- Grant Applications –
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Columbus Park- Awarded
 - Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant – Coal Mine Brook - Submitted
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Mulcahy Field – Awarded
 - PARC & LAND Grant Program – Coes Pond Beach – Awarded
 - Mr. Tomaino moved to a City Council Item regarding Columbus Park/Coes Reservoir, and how this project was moving forward and out to bid.
 - Mr. Lee asked why it was referred to as a deadly situation.
 - Mr. Tomaino explained that there had been a few drownings in the past.
 - Ms. Lamacchia added that she had read that there are significant sudden drops that are not apparent when entering the water.
 - There were various questions about signage. Signs are posted.
 - Mr. Lee asked: “What is the definition of an environmental justice neighborhood?”
 - Mr. Tomaino did not have the answer but said he would look into it and get back to him.
 - Mass Trails Grant Program – Submitted
- Mr. Tomaino went on to Capital projects and informed that there weren’t many changes since the last report on February 4, 2021. He indicated the only updates were in Summer Youth Employment and Aquatics.
- 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
 - Common – NA
 - Coes Park (Knife) – NA
 - Stearns Tavern
 - Playground
 - Coes Pond – NA
 - Columbus Park –
 - Memo to the City Council
 - 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
- Indian Hill Park – NA
- Indian Lake Beach – NA
- Institute Park – NA
 - Walkway Design
 - Salisbury Pond
- 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 – NA
- 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 – NA
- North Lake Ave Linear Park – NA
- Community Development Block Grant – NA
- Art-in-the-Park – Request to keep Art Work 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 –
 - Duffy Field
 - Petitions – NA
 - Forestry Operations – NA
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – May 1, 2021

- 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 – Now advertising positions
- Aquatics – Update – Will be posting positions in March
 - Mr. Cashman had questions regarding lifeguard payrates
- 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 – NA
- Access/ ADA – NA
- Mobile Concession/ Food Truck - NA
- ATV – Recreational Vehicle – NA
- Veterans Memorials - NA
- Misc. Information –
- Article on Columbus Park
 - Article on Sledding Hills
 - Article on Worcester Common
 - Article on Stearns Tavern
 - Article on Veteran Memorial
 - Article on Green Worcester Plan
 - Article on Climate
 - Article on Crompton Skate Park
- Golf Course:
 - Mr. Tomaino went on to the request to add a non-resident Veteran Discount at \$1,500.00.
 - Mr. Cashman asked “What was the motivation behind this discount”. Mr. Tomaino explained that it came from research of surrounding golf courses as well as the community.
 - Ms. Lamacchia asked regarding Senior fees in comparison to Veterans fees.
 - Mr. Goldstein made a motion to accept the request for the new category. Second by Mr. Lee. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7 – 0.
- Golf Course Donations:
 - NA
- Mr. Cashman questioned the Old Business item and wondered if that should be removed from the agenda if it’s not going forward.
- Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Goldstein. All were in favor. Motion was approved 7-0. Meeting ended at 7:02 PM

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