



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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May 20, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Please Note: All events are subject to the COVID-19 restrictions being lifted by the date of the event.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Peter Boswell, Paula Robinson Deare, Diane Berube, Elaine Safioleas, Lee Bentley

ABSENT: ~

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Rec. and Beaches; Bernadette Barreira, Accounting Clerk

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES Paula Robison Deare motioned to approve February board minutes. Diane Berube 2nd and all accepted.

Diane Berube motioned to approve March Retreat board minutes. Paula Robinson Deare 2nd and all accepted.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve April board minutes. Diane Berube 2nd and all accepted.

Chairman Peter Boswell read Governor Baker's Open Meeting Law due to Covid19 and set ground rules.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Park Board to vote for Chair of the Board and Vice Chair of the Board for a term to end in May 2021. Review and vote on policy regarding election of Chair and Vice Chair.
At this time election was not held due to 2 boards members needing reappointment.
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the election policy. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

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2. **Save the date for MA Division of Marine Fisheries Young Angles Fishing Clinic @ Fort Taber Pier** on Saturday 9/26.
Invitee: Mary Rapoza & Kim Fine
Diane Berube motioned to save the date. 2nd by Lee Bentley and accepted by all.
3. **Park Board to review plans for the 4 monitoring wells to be installed at Buttonwood Park**
Invitee: Stephanie Crampton &/or Kevin Kitchin, Edward Contos,
Looking to install 4 monitoring wells on the North side of Buttonwood Park to investigate and mediate health and safety concerns of the Sunoco Station across the street.
Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the 4 monitoring wells 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
4. **Park Board to review this year's City Community Preservation Act Plan** presented by Paula Robison Deare who is the Park Board representative on the committee.
Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file. 2nd by Diane Berube and accepted by all.
Paula requesting that some ADA language for accessibility is added to the CPC report.
5. **Park Board to review the Easement agreement for Brock Ave Hazelwood Park with Eversource.**
Invitee: Donna Rosa
This easement is to allow Eversource to access and maintain the underground lines.
Diane Berube motions to allow Eversource the access to the easement. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

Mary talked regarding reopening plan- Playgrounds and SPLASHPADS NON-CONTACT SPORTS such as Tennis and golf. During Phase 1 will be to work with leagues to get kids able to play safe. Will look at contact sports in the future.

Beaches open 5/25/2020 NB residents only currently by seasonal beach pass only. Beaches open till 6pm with limited parking

No Volleyball or waterpark this year. The concession stand will not be open this year.

Rivers End Park getting new playground equipment. Dias Field is getting a new scoreboard, picnic, and shade structures.

Hazelwood Park granite wall stairs to be installed where the break with the sand is.

Bowling Green construction should start June/July.

Abolition Row Park construction will be going out for bid.

Brooklawn Park had second planning meeting and lots of attendance and interest.

Summer Lunch program will be at 9 locations this summer 3 days a week with grab and go lunches.

Youth United Program @ Ashley and Riverside Park with yoga and calisthenics and other social distance activities.

Park Board requesting a Social Media Blast about Bathrooms being closed at parks. Mary Rapoza has a press release.

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NEXT MEETING 6/17/2020 @ 6pm @ Buttonwood Community Center or by conference call

MOTION TO ADJOURN Diane Berube motioned to adjourn at 6:49pm. Elaine Safioleas 2nd and accepted by all.

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if any accommodations are needed,
please contact the Dept. of Parks Recreation & Beaches at 508-961-3015.
Requests should be made as soon as possible
but at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.*

A true record attests



Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

