

Board of Park Commissioners
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
First Floor Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mary Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Commissioner
Commissioner Cynthia Donovan
Commissioner Robert Fiorito
Commissioner Maryellen Holden
Commissioner Paula O'Keefe
Superintendent Joshua Medeiros
Commissioner Robert Kalat
Council Liaison, Scott Rosado

Absent:

1) Call to order

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2) Acceptance of minutes from April, 2019:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Fiorito to approve the April 2019 minutes.

Seconded by: Commissioner O'Keefe.

All in favor; Motion carried.

3) Public Participation:

a. Presentation of All Heart Award to Cecilia Young Spring Clean up

Mayor Sassu presented a placque to Cecilia Young for her outstanding service for yard clean up in April 2019 for the Rockwell Park. She went above and beyond in the community clean up.

Mary Rydingsward approached the Commission pertaining to the Eagle Scout project within Kern Park. The Eagle Scout candidate has been working very diligently in the park to remove invasive specie plants and the Pequabuck Water Association has been working to remove the vines. She also explained the pollinator bee and the habitat and benefits.

Motion by Commissioner Fiorito to move this to the Building & Maintenance Committee.

Secondedby: Commissioner Kalat

All in favor; Motion carried.

4) Superintendent's Report:

Motion made by by Commissioner Fiorito to place the Superintendent's report and place on file.

Seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe.

All in favor: Motion passed

Dr. Medeiros recognized Robert Lincoln, the department staff along with the Commissioners for doing such a beautiful job at the rain garden in Rockwell Park.

5) Employee Recognition:

- a. Employee recognition for Sarah Larson. She has been officially assigned to the full time Recreation and Outreach Coordinator.
- b. Doug Trillio has been assigned to the Assistant Supervisor for Facilities and Grounds for the Parks & Recreation department. That will take effect on 07-01-19
- c. Brian Beaudoin will assume his new role as Facility Technician for DMAC on May 28, 2019.
- d. Jaimie Clout did a fantastic job with the water safety event held at DMAC on May 14, 2019.

6) Financials:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Fiorito to accept Superintendent's report and place on file.
Seconded by Commissioner Kalat.
All in favor; Motion carried.

7) Old Business:

A. Memorial Tree Program

Commissioner O'Keefe stated that the Committee did meet to discuss this in greater detail. The trees will carry a fee of \$500 and a plaque will be available. The Park Board ultimately must approve the type of tree and proposed location.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Keefe to adopt the Memorial Tree Program as referred by the Recreation Committee.
Seconded by Commissioner Donovan.
All in favor; Motion carried.

B. 100th Anniversary of Memorial Boulevard

Commissioner O'Keefe stated that Carol Dennehy attended the Recreation Committee and provided a wealth of information regarding the history of the Memorial Boulevard. She would like to establish the proper memorial for the boulevard in celebration of its 100th year anniversary. She would like the Veteran's Department, BOE, Historical Society and the Mum Festival Committee involved. Commissioner O'Keefe wishes to keep this topic in the Recreation Committee.

C. Page Park Pool Project:

Currently we are at the end of design phase. It's estimated to be a 2.8 million project. We're currently looking at lighting package for night swim. Hopefully this will be going out to bid this summer and a completion date of 2020.

D. All Heart Pop-Up Park Broad View Grant

Sarah Larson & Dr. Medeiros have been working on a new initiative called All Heart Pop Up Parks. We will bring actual pop up events to under served park areas and neighborhoods. Everything will be free. We did apply to the Broadview Main Street Community Fund Grant and has been approved.

E. Art Commission Proposals:

Sarah Larson is proposing to paint the turtles green on the Federal Hill, the Green Monster and the retaining wall in Rockwell Park are just to name a few. She would like to partner with the Arts & Culture Commission. No motion made.

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8. New Business:

Environmental Resource Management Services has inspected and reviewed the former Superior Electric site and are proposing a restoration project and a project schedule. The water discharge has contaminated the area. There are three (3) general concerns which is west of Emmett Street, east of Emmett Street and Southern Pine Lake. No metals have been found in the northern area of Pine Lake. ERM is proposing to remove the impacted sediments, replace excavated sediment and fill with clean backfill. Also revegetation and restoration of remedial areas, conduct flora and invasive species monitoring following remediation. The goal is to eliminate risk to ecological and human receptors, minimize disturbance to wetlands/waterways and improve upon pre-existing conditions.

Raymond Rogozinski, City Engineer approached the Board and informed the Board that this project will have a visual impact. They will not be removing a lot of contaminated soil ; however, they will have to dig down about a foot. They will be removing older trees and ERM will install a tree for every tree removed; however, they will not be mature trees. Clean up will be completed by the third quarter in 2020 and the restoration should be completed by the 4th quarter 2020. Approximately 7,500 cubic yards needs to be removed. Mayor Sassu would like to take a proactive step and see the residents notified earlier.

Motion made by Commissioner Fiorito to place report on file.
Seconded by Commissioner Donovan.
All in favor. Motion carried.

B. CT Pool Safety Grant Application

Dr. Medeiros stated that the Aquatics Division has applied for a two (2) year grant for the amount of \$55,000 to enhance pool safety.

9 Other Business:

A. Strategic planning process:

Waiting for the new fiscal year and the capital money for the approved projects.

B. Master Plan:

Dr. Medeiros stated that he has established division budgets which will be broken down into 4 areas (Aquatics, Recreation, Parks and Administration).

C. Master Plan For Staffing:

The staff meets once a month to reach our goals.

Commissioner Donovan is concerned about the vandalism and trust money.

10. Other Business:

Commissioner Fiorito would like to see something named after the previous Superintendent, Edward Siwicklas. The Mayor will investigate posternous and non-posterous meeting. The Mayor will talk to Clerk's office what the process is and report back next month.

11. Adjourn:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Fiorito to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Donovan.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wilson, Recording Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners