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September 09, 2015

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the City Clerk, a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held at 4:00pm., at the Recreation Commission Office.

Present were Commission Members: Chairman Kays, Commissioner Calder, Commissioner Klein, Commissioner Vital and Commissioner Evangelous.

Also attending: Recreation Director David Grasso, Recreation Program Manager, Chuck Thebado, General Foreman Chris White, and Marlborough residents, Mrs. Georgina Chamberlain, Mr. Mark Oram, Ms. Barbara Curtis, Mrs. Fagan.

Approval of minutes 04-08-15:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Klein and seconded by Commissioner Calder, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To accept 04-08-15 minutes.

Memorial Beach: Mrs. Georgina Chamberlain and Mr. Mark Oram:

Mr. Oram stated that he and his fellow attending lifeguard parents would like to present some serious concerns and issues during their young adult children's summer employment at Memorial Beach. The parents praised the Recreation Department for a job well done. Their concern is safety, since the Beach is open 24 hours and free of charge during operating hours. They stated the lifeguards had to deal with patrons yelling at them and refusing to obey the rules. There seemed to be public drinking and needles found at the beach during night time hours. They suggested parking fees to be reinstated in order to enter the beach. This will provide more control. They also recommended parking lot guards, policing, walkie-talkies among all beach employees and an adult presence at all times during operating hours. Another recommendation from the parents was to suggest that the beach gates be locked when lifeguards go off duty at 6:45pm for the 2016 season.

The parents thanked and commended Mr. Grasso, the Recreation Department, Chief Mark Leonard for how fast they moved addressing their concerns and helping to resolve safety issues at the beach.

The Commissions thanked the parents and stated they will take their recommendations into consideration for the 2016 season.

Parks Report:

Mr. White stated the Parks are doing a great job keeping up with all the fields and parks, including Memorial Beach.

- Kelleher field lights out.
- Started marking fields for fall soccer.
- Memorial Beach – we have one of our staff members picking up trash on a daily basis.

The Commission thanked Mr. Grasso, Mr. Thebado, and Mr. White for their updated report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Attest to: Simela Perdikomatis, Senior Clerk/Commission Secretary