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The meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference. The public had access to this meeting by calling the following conference line and then entering the conference code:

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Mr. Labrador stated that this meeting is being conducted with the authority issued by the Governor of the State of Connecticut and read the following:

Tonight's meeting of the Board of Park Commissioner is the regular monthly meeting for May 2020 and is being conducted by electronic means as authorized by Governor Ned Lamont executive order 7B which was issued on March 14, 2020, and which the Public has electronic access to witness this meeting.

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Mr. Labrador asked that everyone abide by the Governor's request and directives contained in his various executive orders: 7 through 7J, with additional orders to be forthcoming.

OPENING CEREMONY

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020 PARKS BOARD MEETING

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2020 SPECIAL PARKS BOARD MEETING

On a motion made by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Mr. Brideau, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM:

Due to the public health emergency, public speaking will be by written testimony only**

Please submit written testimony to Ellen.Gerrity@bridgeportct.gov by 4:30p.m.on Monday, August 10th***

Mr. Labrador recognized Brian Santos, a member of Troop 34, the Golden Hill Methodist Church that is listening in tonight in order to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

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The Commissioners wished Mr. Santos all the Best obtaining his Eagle Scout badge.

Letters were submitted from the following three people and were received and read by the Board of Park Commissioners prior to the meeting.

1. Councilwoman Maria H. Pereira, 138th City Council District
2. Mary Ellen Barry, Tesiny Circle, Bridgeport, CT
3. Virginia Orman, Bridgeport, CT

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

- 1) Councilwoman Maria H. Pereira, 138th City Council District.

Ms. Pereira said that during the last Parks Board meeting she was troubled when she heard the following position publicly articulated; “we didn’t take down the statue so why should we be the one to put it back up?”

The answer to that question is quite simple. The City Charter is unequivocally and clearly states that the Board of Park Commissioners has sole authority and/or responsibility for every aspect of Bridgeport’s parks. The City Charter makes it clear it is your collective responsibility to address any wrongs, issues or problems within our parks.

If two individuals were involved in a physical altercation in which one was injured; could a police officer simply state “I wasn’t involved in the altercation, therefore, I cannot address this incident by arresting anyone involved in this incident/” I would hope not as that would be a complete abdication of the police officer’s lawful mandate and professional responsibility.

Every day that you allow the Christopher Columbus statue to remain unlawfully removed you are in essence collectively condoning this flagrant violation of the City Charter committed by Mayor Ganim.

In addition, commissioners repeatedly referenced that dialog between the Italian community and those in support of the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue should continue in hopes that they could reach an amicable resolution. With the Christopher Columbus statue removed; the Italian leadership has in affect both hands tied behind their backs. In order to negotiate with your opposition, you need a bargaining chip, and while the statue is down, no bargaining chip exists.

She said that she is asking the Park Commissioners to reject the unilateral and unlawful decision of the Mayor to remove the statue and vote to return it to Seaside Park within 30 – 45 days which will allow a reasonable time frame to set-up safety protocols and will also give the critical 30 – 45-day period for the Italian community to re-engage those who are opposed to the statue.

She said that forces people to come to the table and at least have a civil conversation.

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She said that for all those reasons she is asking the Commissioners to please consider voting to put the statue up between 30 and 45 days to not only put it up safely but also that is a great time frame to give everyone an opportunity to come back to the table to have a professional, civil conversation,

Once finalized, the strategic plan will then be presented to the Board of Park Commission with 30 days for healthy debate and discussion.

Ms. Pereira thanked the Board for listening to her speak.

2) Councilman Mike DeFilippo, 133rd City Council District.

Mr. DeFilippo said he would like to reiterate what Councilwoman Pereira said and stated that he thinks that the Mayor royally messed up and said that the Park Commissioners has sole authority in taking the statue down and by the Mayor taking down the statue showed no respect to the Commissioners.

He said that it is in the hands of the Park Commissioners in getting the Christopher Columbus statue back up.

He said that Bridgeport has a special opportunity here and if everyone in Bridgeport with all their different backgrounds could come together and unite and come to a civil resolution where everyone feels that justice was done in getting the statue back up, the state and nation will be watching.

He said that the opportunity is here to use as a learning moment.

Mr. DeFilippo said he is not here to explain the philosophy of 15th Century versus the 21st century but the Board has an opportunity to do something special and if we can get everyone together, it could bring back a fractured City.

Mr. DeFilippo ended by saying he gratefully and respectfully asks the Park Board Commissioners to put the Christopher Columbus statue back up.

3) Barbara Rogo

Ms. Rogo said that she was born and still resides in the City of Bridgeport that she loves.

She said that she served on the Common Council, Tax Board and many other community-based organizations.

She said that this is the first time she is ashamed of her City.

She said she is building on what Councilperson's Marie Pereira and Michael DeFilippo have said.

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She said that the Christopher Columbus debate is not really about a statue, it is about respect for constructive dialog, the legal process and most especially respect for the Italian American community.

She said she is part of a team with Chris Caruso and former Mayor Leonard Paoletta seeking to preserve the identity and integrity of the Italian American community.

She said that in the face of revived contempt and animosity for our heritage almost egregious as when they were the targets of the KKK or when 600,000 of them were in World War II and in internment camps in the United States.

She said that according to the 1960 census, Italians represented the highest number of foreign-born ancestries in Bridgeport by a ratio of nearly 5 to 1, so it was a moment of great pride for them when the Columbus statue by a renowned sculpture was entrusted to the City.

She said it was also a memorable event in 1992 when the Puerto Rican community joined in a celebration of rededication of the statue.

She said that everyone knows that Christopher Columbus who was an extraordinarily accomplished 15th century navigator did not literally discover the America's.

She said he was looking for a direct water route from Europe to Asia and made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean to and from Spain using 15th century technology and she thinks that is amazing.

She asked why he is being judged 500 years later by 21st century values and why are politically correct moral codes supplied selectively only to him and she wonders how many 21st icons would survive this scrutiny.

She said that you do not necessarily like it, but this is history and you build from where you are.

Ms. Rogo said she is the proud granddaughter of an Italian American Pennsylvania coal miner and the daughter of a factory worker.

She said that like others commitment to strong work and education ethics family faith and country allowed her family to incrementally begin to achieve a portion of the American Dream.

She said that the accomplishments of all races and ethnicities are important, so she wonders why some think it is necessary to desecrate their heritage in order to benefit their own.

She said its most recent assault inadvertently of course has reenergized and refocused the attention of those of us who have become complacent about our extraordinary rich Italian heritage.

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She said that Mayor Ganim when he unilaterally removed the Columbus statue from Seaside Park, however unintentionally, denigrated and disparaged the entire Italian American community.

She said this was another somber example of capitulating to a small number of potential disrupters who dominate the conversation, as one professional protester said, “by using a bullhorn instead of a microphone”.

Ms. Rogo said that she is forever grateful to the Common Council members who had the moral fortitude to honor their commitment to a continued dialogue in stark contrast to those others who forgot their promise and caved into mayoral pressure.

Ms. Rogo thanked the Board for listening.

4) Christopher Caruso

Mr. Caruso said that before he begins his prepared text, he would like to augment Barbara Rogo’s remarks with historical context.

He said that in 1892, then President of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes declared Columbus Day as an official national holiday.

He said that the reason for that was two years previous, when eleven Sicilians were lynched to death in New Orleans.

He said that at that time it was believed that the eleven Sicilians had killed then Police Chief of New Orleans.

He said that they were brought to a jury trial that found them not to be guilty, but the mob took them out and lynched them to death.

Mr. Caruso said that is one more reason why the Italian community celebrates the history of Christopher Columbus and his discovery.

Mr. Caruso introduced himself to President Labrador, as a former member of the Bridgeport City Council, former State Representative representing the City of Bridgeport, former Democratic Town Chairman and now a retired state employee and he appreciates the opportunity to come before Mr. Labrador and the distinguished member of the Bridgeport Park Commissioners.

By way of background, the Italian American community raised the needed funds to design and erect the statue including its foundation and pedestal. It’s an effort that spanned four decades. As you can imagine, the overwhelming pride and jubilation felt by our ancestors when in 1965, on behalf of the City, the statue was accepted and dedicated by then Mayor Hugh Curran with prominent members of the Italian-American business community, Mr. Francis “Hi-Ho” D’Addario and Dr. James Caserta.

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Under the umbrella of the Council of Italian-American Societies of Greater Bridgeport, independent organizations including, but not limited to, Bridgeport Area Cultural Italian Organization (BACIO), Bridgeport Roma Club, Bridgeport Circolo Sportivo Italian-American Club, Bridgeport Chapter of UNICO, Bridgeport Trinacria Society, Bridgeport Duke of Abruzzi Society, Italian Society of Saint Margaret Shrine, Bridgeport, Connecticut Grand Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and Sons and Daughters of Italy Regional Valley Lodge, request the Board of Park Commissioners restore the statue to its location in Seaside Park, and allow the dialogue to continue.

For many weeks, leaders of the Italian American community negotiated in good faith with members of the Bridgeport Common Council over the future of the statue. An agreement was reached at a meeting initiated by Council Member Jorge Cruz with four of his colleagues. To that end, I've attached a copy of the agreement.

Unfortunately, on July 6, 2020, the Mayor unilaterally and surreptitiously ordered the statue be taken down thus undermining the agreement. For us, the most troubling aspect of the Mayor's action was the fact that he and his Chief of Staff were well aware that an agreement had been reached. As a matter of fact, we were waiting for supportive language from the Mayor in support of the agreement. If the agreement had been honored and the statue not taken down, the next step in the process was to widen the size of the table so to speak, and to continue the dialogue with the community including individuals representing protesting groups.

To us, as proud Italian Americans, whose ancestors entrusted the statue to the City of Bridgeport and were instrumental in helping to build our country, state and the City of Bridgeport, we felt deeply disrespected. By returning the statue to its pedestal, it will allow for a fair dialogue to take place, and the process to continue without putting the entire onus on the Italian American community to reach a meaningful resolution.

In unanimous agreement, we respectfully request the Bridgeport Board of Park Commissioners restore the statue to its pedestal and allow the dialogue that began in earnest, to continue.

Mr. Caruso said that the letter was originally submitted at the July 29th Special Parks Board meeting and signed off by himself and former Mayor of Bridgeport Leonard Paoletta.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scott Appleby, CEM, Director of Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security/Emergency Communications, City of Bridgeport, requesting to speak to the Park Commissioners to discuss the Port Security Grant project that will locate cameras in and around our Port Area, Pleasure Beach and Seaside Park.

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Mr. Appleby said that in 2005 the City of Bridgeport put together a strategy called “Protect Our Port” which was predominately focused in and around the Bridgeport Harbor along with the Black Rock Harbor.

He said that the synergy behind that strategy was just after 9-11, September 2001 when the terrorist attacks took place and Homeland Security grant funds were available and the focus was to become more resilient as it pertained to terrorist threats.

In the next few years that synergy has now sprung board into an all hazard approach to protect our port from not only manmade acts, but also from natural disasters, accidental transportation, potential accidents of the ferry boat, fishermen issues pertaining to people stranded on rocks or any other issues that may present itself in or around our port areas.

He said that the strategy was awarded again since 2005, but the recent funding took a hiatus with COVID-19, but they were allowed to start the process all over again and that portion of that strategy is now focused in and around the Seaside Park area as well as the Black Rock Harbor.

He said that idea is to place cameras where they would get the best views of the waterfront in the event there is a catastrophic incident either manmade or natural that may pose a threat to the City of Bridgeport and to provide the first responders as well as the 911 Dispatch Center and the Emergency Operation Center better situational awareness of what is happening at that time.

He said that we are in the post recovery stages of Tropical Storm Isaias and we could have had a safer way with the camera to view the damage from the storm.

He said that they are planning to put cameras in the concession near the Seaside arches, bandshell area, west beach boat ramp area as well as the light house rocks that gives them view of Black Rock Harbor.

He said that they will also place cameras at Captain’s Cove looking outward into the harbor.

He said that this is not new to them and they have many cameras throughout the City.

Mr. Appleby said that they have received a new grant this year that will help them update cameras at Pleasure Beach and along Seaview Avenue and the new amphitheater area.

He said that they go through a training at the Emergency Management Homeland Security Division as well as the Fusion Center which are the primary areas that would have views.

He said that they are versed in the 1st and 4th amendment rights as well as doing audits of the system to insure if anyone is in the system that there is a reason for being in the system.

Mr. Appleby said that they will be allowing the Parks and Recreation Department access to the cameras where they think it would be beneficial to them as well knowing what is

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happening in the parks on a daily basis or in case of an emergency, and what they could do in a safe manner.

He said that this would have been helpful in the COVID emergency where capacity of the park was a concern as well.

Ms. Conine that the camera would have helped them at the pier this past Saturday, when a male experienced a seizure and went down and was not noticed until a person passed by and saw him.

Mr. Appleby said that those views would have been brought back from the Fusion Center immediately, and they would have also been able to see some of the boats that had crashed into the rocks as well.

Mr. Brideau thinks it is a great idea to have security at Seaside Park and remembers years ago when he was a Bridgeport fire fighter and had to rescue many people over the years who were stranded on the break water.

Mr. Cotto asked if the cameras would be viewed by the Emergency Management Homeland Security Division or by the Fusion Center.

Mr. Appleby said that they will be viewed by both centers, but they will be view primarily by the Fusion Center.

Mr. Labrador said that he appreciates Mr. Appleby's work and the work of his staff at the Emergency Management Center and Homeland Security.

He said that we have no idea what it means to the City until something bad happens and he is happy they received a grant to bring our harbor area into the future and to provide a more safe environment to our community when visiting the parks.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the placing of cameras at Seaside Park and area.

2. Bill Coleman, Deputy Director, Office of Planning & Economic Development, City of Bridgeport, requesting to discuss the installation of a kayak launch on the pier at Knowlton Park.

On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to table the request due to lack of representation.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to put the item back on the table.

Mr. Coleman said he had a chance to communicate briefly with Acting Director Craig Nadrizny about the continuing efforts they are trying to make to improve the waterfront and

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people's enjoyment of it and towards that end they have procured a kayak launch to make it easier for people to enter the water at Knowlton Park.

Mr. Coleman said that last year at this time a group of people from the Trust Republic Land, REI, which is a sports retailer who sponsored a kayak demonstration at Knowlton Park.

He said that they had a good turnout, but it was difficult for people to get into the water because the bank is steep there.

He said that they came across a product that is a platform and attaches to the Knowlton pier and it floats up and down with the pier and allows people to step into their kayaks and be stable and not get wet.

Ms. Wade asked if the people would be signing a waiver or get insurance to go into the water?

Mr. Coleman said that people are allowed to use the water, the platform is just making it easier and safer to use their kayaks.

Mr. Labrador said that the Park Department should put up signs stating that they are using the platform at their own risk.

Mr. Labrador also stated that the curb edge should be raised since there are cars going over the grass area with their vehicles that they easily can go into the water.

Mr. Coleman said that through OPEd waterfront funding they will look into putting some kind of timber rail there to keep the cars from driving into the park.

Mr. Brideau asked if the dock is a portable dock.

Mr. Coleman said that it would be affixed to the dock and will float up and down with the water.

On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Brideau, it was unanimously voted to approve the installation of the kayak launch.

3. Kelsey Cruz, Community Relations Assistant, Southwest Community Health Center, 46 Albion Street, Bpt., CT, requesting to hold a memorial for the lives lost due to COVID-19, at McLevy Park on Friday, August 28, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a setup of 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Cruz said that they are looking to hold a memorial service for lives lost due to COVID-19 as well as a thank you to our health care and frontline workers who risked their live during the pandemic and still are.

She said that they would start out by having a presentation and would invite Yale, Hartford Health Care and Optimus Health Care as well.

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She also stated that they will follow all COVID guidelines and will have under the 100 people that are currently allowed in a gathering.

Ms. Wade asked if this was like Light the Night and would they have candles in bags.

Ms. Cruz said that it is similar to Light the Night, but they will have battery operated tea lights in bags.

Mr. Hosier said that he works at St. Vincent's Hospital and was an essential employee during the entire COVID pandemic, and he truly appreciates everything she is doing to get this event off the ground.

He said that on behalf of the essential healthcare workers and knowing the feeling of losing so many people to COVID at the hospital; from his heart it is much appreciated.

Mr. Labrador stated that he wishes her all the best and appreciates the event and if there is anything the Parks Department can do for her please do not hesitate to ask.

On a motion made by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

4. Daniel Vieira, LiveFree Inc., 10 Buttercup Lane Shelton CT, requesting to use Seaside Park Diamonds 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, and 15 and the fields at Veterans Park on September 26th and 27, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day, with 12 teams participating and playing at different time and food trucks with certificates from the health department.

Mr. Labrador said that Mr. Vieira played Legion baseball with him back in his younger days and he has always had the interest of others firsthand and for someone who has gone through life's obstacles like he has he thinks he has handled it quite well, and putting together this event himself is an achievement on its own.

He said that he is willing and dedicated to making sure this event goes well.

Mr. Vieira thanked Mr. Labrador for the kind words and said that it means a lot coming from him.

Mr. Vieira said that last year they were approved to do a fundraising baseball tournament event at Seaside Park using all the fields at Seaside Park.

He said that the fundraising event was for his organization LiveFree Inc. named after his daughter and they fight pediatric cancer with smiles and provide moments of joy for the families of pediatric cancer patients.

He said that he also went through this battle with his daughter who is a cancer survivor and they found a need to provide hope and joy for families going through this.

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He said that last year they set out to host a baseball tournament which turned into a jamboree with everyone having a good time in the spirit of LiveFree and where 100 youth playing baseball and also using their platform to do good and raise money for the families they serve.

Mr. Viera said that the Mayor, Police Chief and Fire Department also attended their event, He said that they raised \$23,000.00 last year on that weekend and it was an extremely successful event.

He said that this year they will only be using Seaside Park and they will be following all COVID guidelines.

He said that they will not have food trucks, but Vazzy's will prepare and pass out the food.

He said they are asking for fields #6, #10, #14, #15 & Diamond #1, and they are asking for the park to be opened from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Wade said that she lost her grandson five years ago from leukemia and she is all for this event to happen.

On a motion made by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Mr. Hosier, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

5. Deborah Sims, Harold Dimbo and Latoya Johnson, Project Longevity, East End NRZ Market & Café, Left Hearts, 1851 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport., CT, requesting to hold a Trunk or Treat event at Newfield Park on Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 6:30 PM until 10:30 PM.

Ms. Sims said that Project Longevity is a program that is part of the FBI and Bridgeport Police Department that addresses group and gang violence in the City.

She said that she along with their NRZ opened a market café in the east end that serves fresh fruits and vegetables in the east end.

She said they are here in support of Latoya Johnson who is the founder of Left Hearts and they are in partnership and supporting her to do different projects and activities in the City of Bridgeport.

Ms. Sims introduced Latoya Johnson who will be the person on-site the day of the event.

Ms. Johnson said she started a group called Left Hearts that is geared to the prevention of gun violence and children who have lost their parents due to gun violence.

She said that they will follow COVID-19 guidelines and will supply hand sanitizer and masks and will have people spaced six feet apart.

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Mr. Labrador said as long as she keeps kids in the forefront of any of her projects she will never have a problem with the Parks Board allowing her to use a park where she is providing a good, sensible and safe atmosphere for the young people of our community.

On a motion made by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

6. Deborah Sims, Harold Dimbo and Latoya Johnson, Project Longevity, East End NRZ Market & Café, Left Hearts, 1851 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to hold a Family Movie Night event at McLevy Park on Saturday, September 19, 2020, from 7:00 PM until 10:30 PM.

Mr. Labrador suggested holding their Family Movie Night at Baldwin Plaza instead of McLevy Park due to their late ending hour and with people living in the surrounding area.

Ms. Johnson agreed that she will use Baldwin Plaza.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Ms. Hosier, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

REPORTS

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Brideau, it was unanimously voted to add the discussion of, and possible action concerning the Christopher Columbus Statue at Seaside Park to the agenda.

On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Brideau, it was unanimously voted the following: Pursuant to the authority of the Parks Commission the Parks Commission hereby authorizes the restoration of the Christopher Columbus statue at Seaside Park. Such action to take place within 45 days without incurring any expense to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Labrador said that the motion has passed and said that we are giving the City of Bridgeport up to 45 days to have the Christopher Columbus statue as well as the small monument in front of the statue, put back on its pedestal at Seaside Park, with the stipulation that the City or whoever removed the statue incur the cost to put it back up

Mr. Labrador said that he hopes this decision affords people who have concerns with the statue going up, an opportunity to have dialogue on the best interest of the statue.

Mr. Labrador said that Bridgeport has such a diverse community and there may be other people out there that may want a say on the future of the statue.

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Mr. Labrador said that the present Park Commissioners have been very transparent about the decisions they make regarding the parks and that they are based solely on the best outcome for the City as a whole; not only on a certain nationality or color.

He said he would like a happy solution to the decision made on the Christopher Columbus statue.

Mr. Labrador said he also wanted to thank the Park staff; Craig Nadrizny, Steve Hladun, Luis Burgos, Robert Valeri, Fernando Dias, Luann Conine, Lee Nastu, and Vaughn Sims and others who are out there working on a regular basis doing more than their job classifications call for and that no one seems to say thank you or, “we know you are doing more than you are supposed to”, but the Parks staff does not ask for thanks, they do it because they know it is in the best interest of the City of Bridgeport; and he wanted to thank them from the bottom of his heart.

He said that he knows that some boards can be negative towards each other, but he cannot say that about the Parks Board, and he will not allow anyone else to speak negatively about them. whether it be from the general public or City appointees, who want to come and try to destroy the Board with any adverse comments; he said he is proud and loyal to his Parks Board and has much respect for them

REPORTS – CRAIG A. NADRIZNY, ACTING PUBLIC FACILITIES DIRECTOR

All city departments have been diligently working together to get the parks in operable conditions to open due to last week’s storm damage. Today August 11th the city has reopened Seaside Park to the public. Beardsley Park is still closed due to down trees and wires. There were five contractors today at Beardsley Park working to complete the cleanup by Friday/Saturday.

All other parks were cleared of debris and made accessible to the public on Saturday August 8th.

Five (5) Splash Pad locations opened to the public on Wednesday July 27th. An additional Ten (10) Splash Pads locations opened on August 1st. These Splash Pad locations are monitored by Parks Dept staff and following state protocols and PPE guidelines.

He also wanted the Commissioners to know that the old playground has been removed from Manilla Park and a new playground will be installed this week so hopefully we will have a grand opening soon.

Lastly, he wanted to thank the Lifeguards and Checkpoints Attendants who pitched by picking up branches and litter in the Parks after the storm

Mr. Nadrizny had no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Gerrity

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Clerk