

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Cruz M. Cotto, Vice Chair; Lee Grisby, John Mark Hosier, Denese Taylor-Moye, Lillian Wade

OTHERS: Angel DePara, City of Bridgeport; Tatiana Urena, Parks Department, Steve Hladun, Parks Department; Atty. E. Skyers, Associate City Attorney; Atty. M. Janovsky, Associate City Attorney; Jon Urquidi, City Engineer; Luis Burgos, Public Facilities; Council Member Maria Pereira, Holly Spain, Paradigm Broadcasting/Project Sunshine; Chris Calise, the Recovery Network Director of Operations; Deborah A. Caviness, Juneteenth of Fairfield County; Ernest Brown, Team Focus Summer Groove; Anthony Marshall, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse Sports Academy; Council Member Alfredo Castillo, 136th District; Kiante Brown, Ride-Away Rentals CEO; Harry Trinidad, Salsa Warrior Radio; Ruth Ortega, Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leader; Charles J. Dowd, Sacred Heart University; Lauren Coakley Vincent, Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District (DSSD); Pastor Gabrielle Beam, Rise to Read Inc.; Michael Jordan, Bernardy Buddy Jordan Foundation; Brandon T. Woods, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc; Josue Cruz, Radio Ministry Fire of God; Harold Dimbo, Project Longevity, Bishop John Diamond, Rise to Read Inc; iPhone-F17H820U0DXT, Samsung SM-A23GU

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The public could listen to this meeting by calling the conference line.

OPENING CEREMONY

Commissioner Cotto called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Urena called the roll. A quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS BOARD COMMISSIONER,
DENESE TAYLOR-MOYE (D)**

Commissioner. Cotto welcomed Commissioner Taylor-Moye to the Parks Commission. Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that she was pleased to be on the Commission.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cotto lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hosier said that the Commissioners should remember Commissioner Labradore in their prayers. Commissioner Cotto said he had spoken with Commissioner Labradore earlier in the day and he was doing okay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2022 (REGULAR MEETING)

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED THE APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETINGS AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (HOISER, WADE, AND GRISBY) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (TAYLOR-MOYE).**

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM:

The public may call the office of Parks and Recreation at 203-576-7234 and speak with Tatiana Urena or email her at tatiana.urena@bridgeportct.gov to sign-up for Public Speaking.

Ms. Urena said that there had been one gentleman who had some concerns about parking on the baseball fields and Knowlton Park. These were included in the Commissioners' packets. Commissioner Cotto said that he would call the Chief of Police to discuss this.

Commissioner Hosier suggested that they place large boulders along the area where they do not want parking. It is less expensive than fencing. He said this will be discussed further under the Commissioner's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Maria Pereira, Councilwoman 138th District, providing an update on the proposal to establish a Dog Park located at Success Park on behalf of constituents residing in the JFK Precinct and the Success Park neighborhood.

Council Member Pereira greeted the Commissioners and said she had submitted a formal request to install a dog park as Success Park located on Greenfield Avenue. She detailed why she felt it

was important. She and Council Member Lyons had submitted that letter jointly but Council Member Lyons could not be at the meeting.

Following the April 12th meeting, some Commissioners expressed interest in actually visiting the site to look at placement. Council Member Pereira met with Commissioners Grimsby and Cotto on Thursday, April 21st. She said that she had met earlier with Acting Director Craig Nadrizny who is in agreement with the location and placement. The dog park at Nob Hill has comparable fencing.

Commissioner Cotto said that he remembered speaking about the fencing issue. He said that smaller dogs could go right through the cast iron fencing. He said that the fencing would have to be at least 5 to 5 ½ feet tall.

Council Member Pereira said that originally, they considered attaching some mesh fencing along the cast iron fencing, but since then it has been suggested that installing an interior fence would work. She said that Success Park was the largest co-op in the state and the second largest taxpayer in the City of Bridgeport. She spoke about how Habitat for Humanity made improvements there, along with the sidewalk repairs. It is a densely populated area where dogs are not allowed to roam freely.

Commissioner Grisby said that he was concerned about the distance between the playground and the proposed dog park. The current fence is about 3 to 4 feet high and is only a few feet from the playground.

Commissioner Cotto asked if they could meet up again in person to discuss this. Discussion followed. He said that Mr. Nadrizny needs to be there to talk about the height of the fencing.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye asked for clarification about the fencing issues and whether or not other City residents would be allowed to use the park.

Council Member Pereira said that all the public parks in Bridgeport were open to Bridgeport residents. She said that the location that they were discussing was already bordered on three sides with fencing. One side had a tall chain link fence. The other portion of the fencing along the sidewalk is wrought iron and a smaller dog could slip through. The last installed fence section is chain link, also. There is only one portion that is open and that would be fenced in with a gate to allow the dogs and their owners in and out.

Commissioner Hosier said he had been to the location and the fencing would have to be five to six feet based on the fact that it is next to a children's playground. He can't support this unless there is fencing that is five to six feet high. He added that the proposal should include an area that is fenced off for smaller dogs. The dogs should have rabies shots, be neutered or spayed and be licensed for the safety of the animals and the public. While the fences at Nob Hill are four feet

high, they are not right next to a dog park. He also expressed concern about having the lower portions of the fencing blocked so children could not stick their hands through the chain link.

Council Member Pereira said that at Nob Hill Park, the area is directly adjacent to the splash pad. She said that all the dog parks had chain link fencing with nothing along the bottom of the fencing. She said that she had never heard of any injuries.

Council Member Pereira said that the existing dog parks have a list of rules posted outside the area and those include the rabies vaccinations and licensing. She said that the longer this takes, the less likely it was that they would have a dog park for this season. Also, Mr. Nadrizny did not come last time because he had previously been there with Council Member Pereira. She suggested that they all meet at Nob Hill Park and then go on to Success Park.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that the concern was not about anyone being hurt in the past but this was about the children not being able to put their hands through the fence in the future.

Council Member Pereira said that she had a reputation for doing things correctly and her granddaughter often plays at Nob Hill Park. She said that it would be important to have Mr. Nadrizny there since he can answer questions about fencing. Council Member Pereira said that she would reach out to Ms. Urena about scheduling a meeting.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 1 – MARIA PEREIRA, COUNCILWOMAN 138TH DISTRICT, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A DOG PARK LOCATED AT SUCCESS PARK ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENTS RESIDING IN THE JFK PRECINCT AND THE SUCCESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Cotto said that there had been an issue with Agenda Item 25, Recovery Network of Programs, from April's meeting.

Ms. Urena said that the original approval involved the use of Vazzi's Food Truck, but now the group has to switch vendors. This requires the Commissioners to approve the new food vendor. Everything else will remain the same.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA:**

**TRACEY NERKOWSKI, RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAMS,
REQUESTING TO HOLD AN AGENCY ANNUAL PICNIC "SUMMERFEST"
AT SEASIDE PARK BY THE BATHHOUSE & SURROUNDING AREA ON**

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022, AND A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP TIME OF 8:30 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 3:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Chris Calise, the Recovery Network Director of Operations, was on the call. He said that Ms. Nerkowski was not able to be on the call. He said that they needed to use an outside caterer, David Grant Catering, for the event. They will be using a grill with sterno and have a full serving staff.

Ms. Urena said that if the Commission approves this, the group will have to be approved by the Health Department.

Commissioner Hosier asked if it would be open grill cooking. Mr. Calise said that he believe that it was. Commissioner Hosier said that they would have to go to the Fire Department also. Ms. Urena said that they would also have to go to the Police Department and AMR before they can approve this.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED THE REQUEST FROM TRACEY NERKOWSKI, RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAMS, REGARDING PERMISSION TO HOLD AN AGENCY ANNUAL PICNIC “SUMMERFEST” AT SEASIDE PARK BY THE BATHHOUSE & SURROUNDING AREA ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022, AND A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP TIME OF 8:30 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 3:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE NEW FOOD VENDOR PENDING ALL THE APPROPRIATE SIGN OFFS PER THE USUAL PROCESS.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Deborah A. Caviness, Juneteenth of Fairfield County, providing an update on the details of the Juneteenth Parade at Seaside Park – Bath House & Bandshell on Saturday, June 11, 2022 for their annual Juneteenth Community Festival with approximately 4,500 people in attendance.

Ms. Caviness said that she thought her application had been approved. Ms. Urena said that the application had been approved. She said that Benjy had concerns about vehicles being parked on the lawn. It was stated that Ms. Caviness should work with Mr. Burgos about parking arrangements.

Ms. Caviness said that she had spoken with Mr. Burgos and would be going to the park next week to confirm where the vendors could park.

It was agreed that there was no further action needed.

3. Ernest Brown, 77 Huntington Turnpike, Bridgeport, CT, providing an update on the Team Focus Summer Groove concert at Seaside Park Band Shell on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with approximately 10,000 people in attendance.

Mr. Ernest Brown greeted the Commission. Mr. Brown said that he had provided the plans that Mr. Burgos had requested.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that this event supposedly would draw 10,000 attendees. She questioned the number. Mr. Brown said that the vendors would be along the outside of the fence while the concert goers will be inside the fencing.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that the area was still not free of COVID. She asked if the attendees would need to wear masks or use hand sanitizer. Mr. Brown said that there would be a tent where masks and hand sanitizer would be available for those who want it.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye asked for clarification on the fenced in area, which Mr. Brown reviewed with her.

Commissioner Hosier asked what type of fencing would be used. Mr. Brown said he had met with Mr. Burgos and that it would be the same type of chain link fence they had used before.

Commissioner Hosier said that the schematic was hard to read and he would like a larger copy of the schematic. He had a number of questions about the details on the drawing.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 3 – ERNEST BROWN, 77 HUNTINGTON TURNPIKE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE TEAM FOCUS SUMMER GROOVE CONCERT AT SEASIDE PARK BAND SHELL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 10,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A LARGER SCHEMATIC WITH MORE DETAIL.**

Commissioner Grisby asked if there had been on site liquor permits secured in the past. Mr. Brown said that people would be bringing their own coolers in. Commissioner Cotto said that it was not allowed. Commissioner Hosier explained that it was because of liability issues. The alcohol issue would require a \$5 million dollar bond.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Daniel Vieira, President, LivFree, providing an update on Diamond #1 during the 4th annual LivFree baseball tournament at Seaside Park. Also seeking approval of Diamonds 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 on Friday, September 30, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 2022 to Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Vieira was not present on the call.

**** COMMISSION HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 4 – DANIEL VIEIRA, PRESIDENT, LIVFREE, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON DIAMOND #1 DURING THE 4TH ANNUAL LIVFREE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT SEASIDE PARK. ALSO SEEKING APPROVAL OF DIAMONDS 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Don Wilson, BYLSA, providing an update on the pilot program of the “Concession Stand” at Puglio Park in the existing Pavilion, starting Monday, March 28 – Wednesday, November 23, 2022, with hours of operation of Monday through Friday – 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 12p.m. - 7p.m.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that she would like more details regarding who the customers would be.

Mr. Anthony Marshall, who is Mr. Wilson’s BYLSA partner, greeted the Commissioners. He explained that this was a joint venture for the youth. Peace Week is mainly for the youth and there will be some things for the parents.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye asked about what types of food would be served. Mr. Marshall said that the food for the children was free at their events.

Commissioner Cotto referred Mr. Marshall to Mr. Hladun in the Parks Department.

Mr. Marshall asked if the Peace Week had been approved. Commissioner Cotto said that he believed it had been.

Commissioner Hosier asked if Atty. Skyers was on the call to speak about the application being referred to the City Attorney. Atty. Skyers said that he had reviewed this with the City

Attorney's Office and Mr. Hladun. He said that Mr. Marshall needed to speak with Mr. Hladun to clear up some of the details.

Mr. Hladun said that he had spoken with Mr. Wilson about the concession stand. He said that they would also follow up and provide an update.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 5 – DON WILSON, BYLSA, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE PILOT PROGRAM OF THE “CONCESSION STAND” AT PUGLIO PARK IN THE EXISTING PAVILION, STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 28 – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022, WITH HOURS OF OPERATION OF MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 3 P.M. – 7 P.M., SATURDAY 10 A.M. – 7P.M. AND SUNDAY 12PM - 7PM. PENDING UPDATED INFORMATION FROM MR. HLADUN.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jon Urquidi, Department of Engineering, City of Bridgeport, requesting a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concept plan of the Rooster River Project at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course.

Atty. Jankovsky explained that this was a joint project with the Town of Fairfield to alleviate flooding in the Rooster River basin. Both towns have identified locations where retention basins can be created to collect overflow to reduce storm flooding. A site has been identified at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course.

Mr. Urquidi said that the retention pond was located in a wetland area on the course. The area floods during major rain events and creating a pond there will reduce flooding on the course and help alleviate flooding downstream. Atty. Jankovsky said that this item was pending before the City Council and the Contracts Committee because there is a property access agreement involving the terms of construction and covers the insurance issues and an MOU between Bridgeport and Fairfield.

Commissioner Hosier asked how this would impact the play on the course. Mr. Urquidi said that they would be doing this during the offseason period, but since heavy equipment is involved, there will be some impact on playability. They have looked at relocating the tee boxes already.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 1 – JON URQUIDI, DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, REQUESTING A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

CONCEPT PLAN OF THE ROOSTER RIVER PROJECT AT THE FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Michael Jankovsky, City Attorney's Office, City of Bridgeport, requesting a motion to approve the temporary easement for the Town of Trumbull WPCA to construct the realignment of the sanitary sewer force main that runs through Beardsley Park.

Atty. Jankovsky explained that the Town of Trumbull has a sewer line that runs under Beardsley Park that needs repairs. They may have to relocate the sewer line. Since Bridgeport manages the Park, the City Attorney's Office has created a temporary construction easement agreement with legal protections for the City. The State of Connecticut actually owns Beardsley Park.

Mr. Urquidi reviewed the details and noted that the line is located close to the baseball diamonds and they have discussed the timing of the park closures. The City is proposing the repairs be done during the winter and includes the restoration of the disturbed areas.

Atty. Jankovsky said that Trumbull will pay for everything. There will be no cost for Bridgeport.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that she wanted to make sure that both the State and Trumbull have agreed to these terms. Atty. Jankovsky said that both the Town and the State had agreed to this and the line runs along the northern part of one of the baseball fields and along a bike path.

Commissioner Hosier asked about the time line for the project. Mr. Urquidi said that it was about 60 days. They are in the design approval phase now. They hope to have the paving done in early spring. Both Engineering and Public Facilities will be inspecting the site. Discussion followed.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 2 – MICHAEL JANKOVSKY, CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, REQUESTING A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL WPCA TO CONSTRUCT THE REALIGNMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN THAT RUNS THROUGH BEARDSLEY PARK.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Alfredo Castillo, Councilman 136th District, requesting the use of Seaside Park on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Bangladeshi American Association of CT - BBQ event with approximately 300 people in attendance.

Council Member Castillo greeted the Commissioners and explained that he had been organizing this for the last six years. He said that Mr. Burgos had always been helpful with this event.

Mr. Burgos said that there had not been any problems in the past and it was well organized.

**** COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 3 – ALFREDO CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN 136TH DISTRICT, REQUESTING THE USE OF SEASIDE PON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR THE BANGLADESHI AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CT - BBQ EVENT WITH APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Ganim Legal, P.C., 2370 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to donate a new scoreboard, or repair the existing one at Ellsworth Park for the Black Rock Little League and surrounding community.

Commissioner Cotto said that he did not see any problems with this.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 4 – GANIM LEGAL, P.C., 2370 PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO DONATE A NEW SCOREBOARD, OR REPAIR THE EXISTING ONE AT ELLSWORTH PARK FOR THE BLACK ROCK LITTLE LEAGUE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.**

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Kiante Brown, CEO of Ride-Away Rentals, requesting for an approval on a proposed business model for Family Bike Rentals at Seaside Park and Beardsley Park as a test pilot for April 2023.

Ms. Brown greeted the Commissioners. She explained that this was on the 2015 agenda, but was handled by Mr. Carroll in the past. Due to some medical issues, she was not able to facilitate the program. She said that she had sent two business proposals and had a PowerPoint presentation to show the Commissioners.

Ms. Brown then played the PowerPoint for the Commissioners and said that it would be for either park, but not for both. She said that she would prefer to have the permission for Beardsley Park due to safety features. Her former company was located in New York City and had three locations there.

She reviewed the history of her company and how they would verify the rentals and sanitize the bikes, along with the length of the rentals and the pre-approved routes. She said that there were two separate walkways that did not descend down the hill. She said that she would be forwarding

the video to the Commissioners to view on their own due to the time constraints. They would like to rent between eight and 10 bikes at Beardsley or eight to 15 at Seaside.

The bikes will be fitted with GPS and will be monitored. They will be covered by their own insurance company [Veracity] and will follow COVID protocols. The presentation also included the hours of operations and the location of a kiosk on the park grounds. There would be internship opportunities for high school students.

Commissioner Wade asked for the details on the routes. She asked Ms. Brown to come back next month. Ms. Brown said that would be possible.

Commissioner Hosier said that he would like to have the City Attorney's Office review the proposal.

Commissioner Grisby asked whether the bikes would be immediately available. Ms. Brown said that all the bikes except for the mountain bikes would be available this year. They are focused on family bikes.

Commissioner Grisby said that the Beardsley paths are very narrow. He said that the single bikes and mountain bikes would be better there. Ms. Brown agreed with him and reviewed the safety concerns for Seaside.

**** COMMISSION HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 5 – KIANTE BROWN, CEO OF RIDE-AWAY RENTALS, REQUESTING FOR AN APPROVAL ON A PROPOSED BUSINESS MODEL FOR FAMILY BIKE RENTALS AT SEASIDE PARK AND BEARDSLEY PARK AS A TEST PILOT FOR APRIL 2023 WITH A REFERRAL TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Harry Trinidad, Salsa Warrior Radio, 15 Scuppo Road, Unit 301, Danbury, CT, requesting the use of Seaside Park Bath House to host a Salsa music and dance event every Sunday on 6/12/22, 6/26/22, 7/10/22, 7/24/22, 8/7/22, 8/21/22, 9/4/22, 9/25/22 with a start time at 1:00 p.m. and end time at 7:00 p.m. with approximately 100 people.

***Note: 9/25/22 is the same weekend as the Sound-on-Sound event.**

Mr. Trinidad said that this was his fifth year doing this and there have not been any incidents. He asked about the Sound-on-Sound event. Commissioner Cotto said that it was a very big event. Mr. Trinidad said that he would not hold the event on September 25th due to parking issues.

Commissioner Hosier asked if there would be any other interference with other DJ events. Ms. Urena said that there were no other events that would interfere except for the September 25th date.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 6 – HARRY TRINIDAD, SALSA WARRIOR RADIO, 15 SCUPPO ROAD, UNIT 301, DANBURY, CT, REQUESTING THE USE OF SEASIDE PARK BATH HOUSE TO HOST A SALSA MUSIC AND DANCE EVENT EVERY SUNDAY ON 6/12/22, 6/26/22, 7/10/22, 7/24/22, 8/7/22, 8/21/22, 9/4/22, 9/25/22 WITH A START TIME AT 1:00 P.M. AND END TIME AT 7:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 25TH DATE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Heide Vanderwal, Stratfield Saturday Market, 138 Westfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting a Farmers Market at Clinton Park every Saturday beginning June 25, 2022 through October 1, 2022 with a start time of 9:30 a.m. and end time at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Vanderwal was not present on the call. Ms. Urena said that Ms. Vanderwal had been on the call earlier. Commissioner Hosier said that they had approved this in the past and this was a very successful program.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 7 – HEIDE VANDERWAL, STRATFIELD SATURDAY MARKET, 138 WESTFIELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING A FARMERS MARKET AT CLINTON PARK EVERY SATURDAY BEGINNING JUNE 25, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2022 WITH A START TIME OF 9:30 A.M. AND END TIME AT 1:30 P.M.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hladun said that he would like an updated vendor plan. He said that he would be sharing that with the Commissioners once they receive the plan.

8. Ruth Ortega & John Torres, Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders, 1067 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Community Outreach – Carnival Theme event (and to include Inflatables and a DJ on-site) at Seaside Park Casino Bath House on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with approximately 200 people in attendance.

Ms. Ortega said that Mr. Torres was not available to attend the meeting. She stated that in the past, they had served hot dogs and hamburgers, but due to COVID restrictions, they would be serving wraps this year. They will not be cooking on site.

Commissioner Hosier said that Caribe was a wonderful organization.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 8 – RUTH ORTEGA & JOHN TORRES, BRIDGEPORT CARIBE YOUTH LEADERS, 1067 PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A COMMUNITY OUTREACH – CARNIVAL THEME EVENT (AND TO INCLUDE INFLATABLES AND A DJ ON-SITE) AT SEASIDE PARK CASINO BATH HOUSE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Charles J. Dowd, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT, requesting a Fireworks Show to coincide with the kick-off of their Men’s and Women’s Basketball season at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course on Friday, October 14, 2022 from 9:00 p.m. to 9:15 pm. with approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

Mr. Dowd explained that they had been granted permission for the fireworks show last year, but there was an issue with the notification of the neighbors, so the show had not taken place. They would like to have the fireworks show in conjunction with the basketball season. They would be launched from the fifth fairway at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. The students will be located on Sacred Heart’s football field. All the appropriate approvals will be obtained. There will not be any impact on the golf course play or revenue since the show commences after sunset.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 9 – CHARLES J. DOWD, SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY, 5151 PARK AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, CT, REQUESTING A FIREWORKS SHOW TO COINCIDE WITH THE KICK-OFF OF THEIR MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SEASON AT FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 9:15 PM. WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Lauren Coakley Vincent, Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District (DSSD), 938 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of McLevy Green Park and closure of Bank Street for the 2022 Downtown Thursday Farmer’s Market beginning July 7, 2022 – October 17, 2022. Start time at 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with approximately 500 people in attendance.

Ms. Coakley Vincent greeted the Commissioners. This will be their 12th year at McLevy Green. The Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative are able to double the dollars of anyone using

SNAP or EBT benefits. They have also received a grant to double the WICK checks and Senior FMNP checks. There is live music from 12 to 2 p.m. featuring Bridgeport musicians. There are some local craft merchants and food vendors.

Commissioner Wade said that she had never seen a problem at the market.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 10 – LAUREN COAKLEY VINCENT, BRIDGEPORT DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT (DSSD), 938 BROAD STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING THE USE OF MCLEVY GREEN PARK AND CLOSURE OF BANK STREET FOR THE 2022 DOWNTOWN THURSDAY FARMER’S MARKET BEGINNING JULY 7, 2022 – OCTOBER 17, 2022. START TIME AT 10:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Richard E. Baldwin, 89 Cottage Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the Marina Village Annual Reunion at Seaside Park on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a DJ on-site with approximately 150 people in attendance.

Mr. Baldwin was not on the call. Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that she had been helping the Marina Village Team for a number of years with this project. She said that it was normally held right next to the children’s playground and there is a clean-up team that collects all the trash. There has not been a problem in the past years.

Commissioner Taylor-Moye said that she may have forgotten to remind Mr. Baldwin about this item being on the agenda.

Commissioner Cotto said that he felt that this should be on next month’s agenda so that Mr. Baldwin could be present. They will hold the date open.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 11 – RICHARD E. BALDWIN, 89 COTTAGE STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE MARINA VILLAGE ANNUAL REUNION AT SEASIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. WITH A DJ ON-SITE WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. Eleni Limberis, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 4070 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of the Veteran’s Memorial Park (Parking Area Only) for the

Annual Greek Festival & Fair from Friday, June 3, 2022, thru Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with approximately 500 to 1,000 people in attendance.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 12 – ELENI LIMBERIS, HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 4070 PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING THE USE OF THE VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK (PARKING AREA ONLY) FOR THE ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL & FAIR FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022, THRU SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 TO 1,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

Commissioner Grisby asked about the closing time of 10 p.m. Commissioner Hosier explained that they were using the parking area only, not the actual park.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. Holly Spain, Paradigm Broadcasting/Project Sunshine, 164 Meadowview Avenue, Stratford, CT, requesting a free Community Concert with food trucks at Seaside Park Bandshell on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with approximately 25-50 people in attendance.

Ms. Spain greeted the Commissioners and said it would be a small gospel concert geared to the children. They would like to serve hot dogs, hamburgers and juice to the children, but would like to have one or two food trucks with different types of food as well. There will be four acts and a motivational speaker.

Commissioner Hosier said that they would have to follow the COVID restrictions regarding the food distribution.

Ms. Urena said that 25 to 50 people was considered to be a small permit, but the reason it was brought to the Commission was because of the food trucks at the band shell. Ms. Urena said that the date lists June 18th, but a late August date was mentioned.

Ms. Urena said that the application was submitted by Holly Spain but the person who was addressing the individual was listed as Terrance Spain. Ms. Spain said that she was using her husband’s Zoom account. Discussion followed about the events scheduled for the area on that time.

Commissioner Hosier said that he still had questions about having the food trucks in that area. Ms. Urena said that the concert was located at the bandshell. A discussion followed about where the food trucks could be located for the event. Mr. Burgos asked Ms. Spain to meet with him at the park to discuss where the food trucks could be parked.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 13 – HOLLY SPAIN, PARADIGM BROADCASTING/PROJECT SUNSHINE, 164 MEADOWVIEW AVENUE, STRATFORD, CT, REQUESTING A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT WITH FOOD TRUCKS AT SEASIDE PARK BANDSHELL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 25-50 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE STIPULATIONS THAT THE ORGANIZERS MEET WITH MR. BURGOS TO DISCUSS THE LOCATION OF THE FOOD TRUCKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. Pastor Gabrielle Beam, Rise to Read Inc., 248 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of Washington Park on the corner of Barnum Avenue and Noble Avenue for a Vacation Bible & Reading Literacy Camp for Children beginning Monday, July 25, 2022 through Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with approximately 150 people in attendance.

Pastor Beam said that the Rise to Read program was formed about 3 ½ years earlier in response to the fact that 76% of the Bridgeport third graders were unable to pass the third grade literacy test. Those test results are actually used by the prison industry to calculate how many prison cells will be needed in the future. By the fourth grade, the students are required to read to learn rather than being taught how to read. This means that most of the Bridgeport students graduate as functional illiterates. This resulted in a free literacy program through the churches. All the curriculum has been written by Bridgeport Public School teachers. This is the fourth or fifth year of Vacation Bible School. The camps have been held in Newfield Park, McHenry Park and in Washington Park for the last few years. The event is free.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 14 – PASTOR GABRIELLE BEAM, RISE TO READ INC., 248 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING THE USE OF WASHINGTON PARK ON THE CORNER OF BARNUM AVENUE AND NOBLE AVENUE FOR A VACATION BIBLE & READING LITERACY CAMP FOR CHILDREN BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.
** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. Michael Jordan, Bernardy Buddy Jordan Foundation, 112 Lansing Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host an Annual Community event at Newfield Park on Saturday, June 18, 2022, rain date Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with approximately 250 in attendance.

Mr. Jordan greeted the Commissioners. He said that his brother was killed 18 years ago in Newfield Park and he wanted to turn a negative event into a positive event, so he created this community event which has been held for 17 years. From that, they created a foundation. They were not able to hold the event for the last two years because of COVID.

**** COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 15 – MICHAEL JORDAN, BERNARDY BUDDY JORDAN FOUNDATION, 112 LANSING STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT AT NEWFIELD PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, RAIN DATE SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 250 IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16. Dylan Gallup, Water Lantern Festival, Logan, Utah, requesting to host a Water Lantern Festival at Seaside Park West Beach on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a seeking secondary approval date of Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with approximately 2,000 people in attendance.

Mr. Gallup was not on the call.

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 16 – DYLAN GALLUP, WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL, LOGAN, UTAH, REQUESTING TO HOST A WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL AT SEASIDE PARK WEST BEACH ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AND A SEEKING SECONDARY APPROVAL DATE OF SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

17. Roteesea Rogers, Precious Memories Early Childhood Learning Center, 1332 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of Beardsley Park for a Preschool Graduation on Saturday, June, 25, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an estimated 50 people in attendance and seeking approval to waive the park entrance fees.

Ms. Rogers was not on the call.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 17 –ROTEESEEA ROGERS, PRECIOUS MEMORIES EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER, 1332 NORTH AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING THE USE OF BEARDSLEY PARK FOR A PRESCHOOL GRADUATION ON SATURDAY,**

JUNE, 25, 2022 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR AN ESTIMATED 50 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AND SEEKING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE PARK ENTRANCE FEES.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

18. Brandon T. Woods, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, P.O. Box 1446, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of Seaside Park West Beach for a BBQ with a DJ on site on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with approximately 100 people in attendance and seeking approval to waive the park entrance fees. Requesting a secondary location at Clinton Park if 1st request is denied.

Mr. Woods said that Omega Psi Phi was a member of collegian organization of fraternities and sororities. The regional organization requested a summer barbecue for their annual meeting. They are hoping to hold a luncheon in Bridgeport for members from Connecticut as well as Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. He said that he realized Juneteenth was happening the same day which is why they were asking for the West Beach or Clinton Park. A lengthy discussion followed about the potential conflicts regarding the location and waiving the parks fee.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 18 – BRANDON T. WOODS, OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC, P.O. BOX 1446, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING THE USE OF SEASIDE PARK WEST BEACH FOR A BBQ WITH A DJ ON SITE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AND SEEKING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE PARK ENTRANCE FEES WITH DIRECTIONS TO THE OVERFLOW PARKING AREA AS DISCUSSED.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

19. Josue Cruz, Radio Ministry Fire of God, 355 Brook Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting host a Community Outreach and Parade at Nany Goat Park on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm with approximately 100 people in attendance.

Mr. Cruz and his translator greeted the Commissioners and explained that they would be walking around the park while praying. They also would like to have the street closed because they wished to be allowed to walk around the street. Commissioner Hosier asked if there were sidewalks around the park. He was told there were sidewalks there. Mr. Cruz asked if they could close the street for one hour for the participants could walk around and pray.

Mr. Hladun said that for this type of walk, they would have to discuss this with the Police Department for safety permits and approvals.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 19 – JOSUE CRUZ, RADIO MINISTRY FIRE OF GOD, 355 BROOK STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING HOST A COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PARADE AT NANY GOAT PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 PM WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

20. Harold Dimbo, Project Longevity, 1000 Lafeyete Blvd. Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Stop the Violence Community & Police event at Beardsley Park on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with approximately 75 people in attendance.

Mr. Dimbo greeted the Commissioners. Mr. Dimbo said that the event would be held at Aaron's Way or Aaron's Journey. It has been held there for the past five years. Commissioner Wade said that the program had been successful

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE AGENDA ITEM 20 – HAROLD DIMBO, PROJECT LONGEVITY, 1000 LAFEYETE BLVD. BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A STOP THE VIOLENCE COMMUNITY & POLICE EVENT AT BEARDSLEY PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY 75 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

21. Harold Dimbo, Project Longevity, 1000 Lafeyete Blvd. Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Banquet for Sister's at the Shore event at Seaside Park on Friday, May 20, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a DJ on-site with approximately 50 people in attendance.

Mr. Dimbo said that the date was for June 3rd, not May 20th. The discussion moved to the actual location of the event. He said that there were women who were afraid to let their children out because the kids might be shot. There are also mothers who have had their children shot. These two groups of mothers go down to the Park and pray by the wall. Mr. Dimbo said that there would be a police officer that would check to make sure the park was locked up.

**** COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 21 – HAROLD DIMBO, PROJECT LONGEVITY, 1000 LAFEYETE BLVD. BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A BANQUET FOR SISTER'S AT THE SHORE EVENT AT SEASIDE PARK ON FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. WITH A DJ ON-SITE WITH APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Dimbo said that they usually have someone at the gate to allow the participants to come in without paying. Mr. Hladun said that they would coordinate with Mr. Dimbo.

REPORTS

• Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Cotto thanked everyone for their patience.

Commissioner Hosier said that there was some discussion regarding installing fencing or large boulders along Diamond 1 at Seaside and at Knowlton Park. He asked Mr. Hladun to give an overview on this issue.

Mr. Hladun said that they had been working on identifying a solution for this issue. He said that there are guard rails along certain areas of Seaside Park, but these are costly and need to be maintained. He said that they were also considering large blocks or boulders to outline the overflow parking from the field area. He said that he would like to report back to the Commissioners after he walks the area with Mr. Nadrizny.

• Director's Report – Craig A. Nadrizny, Acting Public Facilities Director

Mr. Hladun said that Mr. Nadrizny was not able to attend the meeting and requested Mr. Hladun present the report.

Mr. Hladun wished Commissioner Labrador a speedy recovery and welcomed Commissioner Taylor-Moye.

Mr. Hladun said they were in between concessionaires and would be doing a walk through next Tuesday. They have also been considering the food truck expansion. He said that there was a report from the National League of Cities about this and some feedback from other municipalities about their licensing fees for food trucks. There was some discussion about having this pilot program activated for the summer season and the staff is doing their best to facilitate it for the summer. He said that they would like to present a more complete pilot plan to the Commissioners in June.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PILOT FOOD TRUCK PROGRAM FOR THE WEST BEACH AND THE OVERFLOW PARKING AREA ON A TRIAL BASIS.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hladun said that they were working to insure that the Seaside and Beardsley splash pads were open and working for Memorial Day. The park restrooms are also being readied for the season. Once the school year ends, the other park splash pads will be opened.

Crack repairs and resurfacing is underway at the Lafayette basketball courts and the Newfield Parks tennis courts. The golf course bunker construction project is underway and should be completed by the end of May along with cart path repairs.

Pleasure Beach is being monitored. The goal is to resume water taxi service for July 4th weekend.

At Seaside Park, there is a joint effort with the Health Department and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to address concerns about the ticks at the Seaside Park landfill. Proposals for spraying have been received.

Beach grass planting at St. Mary's is nearing completion and beach plums have been planted with fencing erected.

The new Zoning ordinance requires a Tree Warden. Mr. Hladun said that he is acting as the Tree Warden at this time.

There is tree trimming project coordination ongoing with the Engineering Department regarding the traffic signals visibility on Park Avenue and Main Street.

There was a meeting regarding McGovern Park on Wood Avenue. Park Maintenance continues on the ball fields.

Mr. Hladun said that the Recreation Department had provided a report on their activities. He said that they were looking forward to a safe and strong season. They have received new terminals for credit cards at the parks.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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