

# *Park and Recreation Commission*

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Andrew Cota, Chairman

Beverly Moran  
James Benanto  
Ronald Sill  
John Monahan  
James Butler Sr.  
Bruce Sill

## **Minutes**

(meeting recorded)

Monthly meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016 in City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

By roll call, members present: Andrew Cota, Beverly Moran, Ronald Sill, John Monahan, James Benanto and Bruce Sill. James Butler Sr. was excused.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis O'Connell was present. The Athletic Director Rachael Artaiz was absent.

### **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Motion made by Ronald Sill and second by Beverly Moran. Move to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Beverly Moran and second by John Monahan. Move to accept the minutes of April 11, 2016, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

No one was present.

### **CORRESPONDENCES:**

Nothing was presented.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation Director's Report:** Mr. O'Connell reported that spring programs are underway and going well. Youth Soccer is managing with the closure of one field at Witek Park so that said field can rest and restore with the recent applied treatments. Said field is showing slow progress. The Amendola soccer field required maintenance in preparation for soccer play. Public Works worked diligently to level the areas that had settled and to groom the field for play.

The Ryan Field softball field is also developing pronounced settling and a depression has developed that will have to be addressed, likely in the fall by Public Works. With no further activity on the possible state funding for artificial turf replacement on the football field, Mr. O'Connell is moving forward with repairs and maintenance on the sprinkler systems on the football field and the softball field.

Little League is going well. Men's basketball league will be starting in June. The basketball courts are already seeing much activity.

Regarding budget deliberations, the requested raises appear to be in jeopardy. It seems that the Board of Apportionment and Taxation is awaiting a vote on the raises approved by the Board of Alderman. Mr. Sill will coordinate with Mr. O'Connell to place the matter on the Board of Alderman meeting agenda.

Mr. O'Connell indicated that he is communicating with the Mayor's office regarding the fire alarm system at the Derby Veteran's Community Center.

**High School Athletic Director's Report:** Ms. Artaiz was absent.

**NEW or OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of Witek Park:** Corporation Counsel is researching the stipulations of use of Witek Park for the Board of Alderman and as of now watercraft is not being allowed. There does not seem to be any defined prohibition. It was suggested that the City's liability insurance provider be contacted to clarify any increased exposure should the watercrafts be allowed.

Motion by Ronald Sill and second by Beverly Moran. Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,

*Karen Kemmesies*

Karen Kemmesies, secretary

*These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*