



Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

**Newton Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall, Room 209, 7:00pm**  
**February 28, 2011**



Robert J. DeRubeis  
Commissioner

**Attending:** Arthur Magni, *Chairman*, Kathleen Heitman, *Vice-Chair*, Bob DeRubeis, *Commissioner*, Walter Bernheimer, Peter Johnson, Andrew Stern, Richard Tucker, Don Fishman, Robin McLaughlin, *Secretary*

**Absent:** Fran Rice, Bethel Charkoudian, Michael Clarke, Peter Kastner, Jack Neville

**Also Attending:** Jennifer Ricker- SGK 3-day, Mike Lewitt- Newton Tennis

*Meeting called to order at 7:05pm*

**1. Meeting Minutes –January 24, 2011**

- Minutes approved 7-0

**2. Commissioner's Reports on Programs, Forestry and Maintenance**

- Commissioner DeRubeis presented and reviewed an updated department "snapshot" (attached). The Commissioner will present this snapshot to the Commission each month.
- Commissioner DeRubeis stated the January 30<sup>th</sup> Camp Fair was a success. The department partnered with the Newton Public Schools and held the camp fair at NNHS.
- February school vacation camp took place last week. Vacation camps fill up quickly. All went well.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Druker Auditorium a public meeting is scheduled for the Nahanton Park Natural Resources Inventory and Management Plan study being performed by Jeff Collins of Mass Audubon.

**3. Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Event– information only**

- Jennifer Ricker, SGK 3-Day Event Coordinator reviewed the proposal (attached). The Komen 3-Day for the Cure is an incredible special event. Thousands of women and men will unite for three days, July 22-24, 2011, and walk 60 miles in a bold display of courage and commitment. It's a weekend of hope, as we honor lives lost, celebrate survivors and help bring breast cancer care to those who so desperately need it. Net proceeds from the Komen 3 Day for the Cure fund innovative global breast cancer research and local community programs supporting education, screening and treatment. Virtually every major advance in the fight against breast cancer in the last 27 years has been impacted by a Susan G. Komen for the Cure® grant. We would like to request the use of fields at West Newton Playground on Friday, July 22, 2011 from 9:00am to 5:00pm as a rest stop for our 2,000 participants (NOTE:

Only 100 to 150 people on-site at any given time). At a typical Pit Stop we would erect three 15'x15' non-staked tents for our staff and volunteers who will offer food, drink and medical attention to the Walkers who elect to stop. All food and drink are provided by the event. Nothing will be sold on site. In addition, we would place several portable toilets on the premises. Trash boxes will be provided to collect trash and debris. Once the site is a closed, all trash will be disposed of in our dumpsters located off-site.

- Mr. Stern asked if the Police are required at street crossings. Ms. Ricker stated yes at some of the street crossings. Ms. Ricker is in contact with the Police, Fire and Inspectional Services Departments. Commissioner DeRubeis requested Ms. Ricker set up a meeting with him and Captain Mintz.
- The drop off time of supplies at the location is usually at 4am but can be pushed to 6am. Commissioner DeRubeis stated 6am would be a better time for the neighbors.
- Ms. Ricker inquired about who she should contact to use the NNHS as an alternate location for inclement weather. Commissioner DeRubeis recommended Ms. Ricker contact the School Department.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented notification will be sent to the West Newton Playground abutters of this event. The abutters will be given the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the proposal at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Commission meeting.
- Ms. Ricker will attend the March 21<sup>st</sup> Commission meeting to respond to abutters questions and concerns.

#### 4. Clay Court Tennis Fees – Mike Lewitt

- Mr. Lewitt is under contract with the City as the manager of the clay courts in Newton Centre and to provide tennis lessons city wide. Mr. Lewitt presented the 2011 Clay Court rules and regulations and fees (attached). Mr. Lewitt stated there have been no changes to the rules, regulations or fees.

*Mr. Bernheimer made the motion to accept the 2011 clay court rules, regulations and fees. Ms. Heitman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.*

#### 5. Off-leash Area Working Group- update

- Commissioner DeRubeis provided an update on the amendment to the off-leash dog ordinance:
- On February 23, 2011 at the Programs & Services Committee meeting, agenda item #360-09(4) was presented to make the following amendment (in bolded text) to Chapter 3, Section 3-30 of the City Ordinances, Dogs Off-Leash Program:

*(c) Rules and Regulations. In addition to the minimum conditions listed in section (a) applicable to all designated off-leash areas, the commissioner may from time to time promulgate rules and regulations for the general operation and use of all off-leash areas, as well as rules and regulations specific to the use and operation of an individual site. **The commissioner may require permits and set reasonable fees for participation in the off-leash program.** The commissioner may impose time, seasonal, or other restrictions for the use of any area. In the case of off leash areas on sites under the jurisdiction of another*

*agency or commission, that agency or commission shall approve such rules, regulations and restrictions, and may make such additional rules, regulations, and restrictions it deems necessary.*

- The Programs and Services Committee voted on and approved the amendment. This amendment will be presented to the full Board of Aldermen on March 7.
- Mr. Bernheimer stated this amendment is the best approach.
- Commissioner DeRubeis stated the Off-Leash Area Working Group is reviewing the fees but there have been no changes to the fees originally presented.
- Mr. Stern inquired if there will be additional enforcement for off-leash areas. Commissioner DeRubeis commented there is discussion on hiring two part time animal control officers.
- A request to the Conservation Commission was made by Director Havens to postpone the Norumbega off-leash area proposal. During the February 24 Conservation Commission meeting there was a vote not to allow off-leash dogs in conservation areas.
- Mr. Fishman commented the neighbors use Norumbega Park to walk their dog's off-leash, but they do not want the area made into a legal off-leash site.
- Mr. Tucker inquired if Norumbega Park is the only conservation area proposed for an off-leash area. Commissioner DeRubeis said no, Flowed Meadow is also a proposed off-leash site.
- Mr. Bernheimer commented the Commission needs to go with what is in place and see how it works. Ms. Heitman agrees.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented he will be requesting the contingencies be lifted from the off-leash areas at the March 21 meeting. When the areas are open he is hoping the people who use the areas will contact him if there are any problems.
- Commissioner DeRubeis commented two accounts have been set up for the off-leash areas; one account will be for the fees, the second account will be for gifts/donations.

## **6. New Business**

- No new business

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin McLaughlin, Secretary*





February 2, 2011

Parks Commission  
Newton Parks & Recreation  
70 Crescent Street  
Newton, MA 02466

Dear Parks Commission

This is a request for the use of the West Newton Park on Elm Street as a Pit Stop for the Boston Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure®.

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Attached is more detailed information about our event, beneficiaries, and insurance for your review. I will also be happy to submit a Special Event Permit Application, should that be necessary. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from your department, and finding out what is the procedure for this request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Ricker  
Event Production Manager  
Phone: 215.966.1496  
Fax: 888.373.6980  
Email: jricker@event360.com

Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure® 205 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2630 Chicago, IL 60601-5927  
p: 800-996-3DAY f: 888-646-5823 The3Day.org

**NEWTON CENTRE CLAY TENNIS COURTS  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
2011**

**RESERVE COURT PLAY:**

- **ALL PLAYERS MUST PURCHASE A SEASON PERMIT OR PAY THE HOURLY FEE TO PLAY ON THE NEWTON CENTRE CLAY COURTS. PERMITS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE COURTS.**
- **PERMIT HOLDERS WHO BRING A GUEST,(NON-PERMIT HOLDER) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE HOURLY FEE IS PAID TO ATTENDANT BEFORE STEPPING ON COURT.**
- **ALL PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN WITH COURT ATTENDANT PRIOR TO ENTERING THE COURTS. PERMIT AND DRIVERS LISCENSE MUST BE SHOWN AT THIS TIME, OR GUEST FEE MUST BE PAID.**
- **PERMIT HOLDERS MAY RESERVE A COURT UP TO SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE. NON-PERMIT HOLDERS MAY NOT RESERVE A COURT.**
- **A PERMIT HOLDER MAY HAVE ONLY ONE COURT RESERVATION ON THE BOOKS AT A TIME. PERMIT HOLDERS MUST FINISH USING THAT TIME BEFORE THEY MAY BOOK ANOTHER COURT.**
- **A MAXIMUM OF ONE (1) HOUR MAY BE BOOKED FOR SINGLES. ONE PERMIT HOLDER'S NAME IS REQUIRED TO BOOK THIS COURT. A MAXIMUM OF 1.5 HOURS MAY BE BOOKED FOR DOUBLES PLAY. TWO PERMIT HOLDERS NAMES ARE REQUIRED TO BOOK THIS COURT.**
- **PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE A 1.5 HOUR DOUBLES BOOKING FOR SINGLES PLAY. IF ONLY 2 PLAYERS SHOW UP FOR A DOUBLES BOOKING, THEY FORFIT THE LAST HALF HOUR.**
- **ANY PLAYER WHO INTENTIONALLY OR REPEATEDLY MAKES A 1.5 HOUR DOUBLES BOOKING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAYING SINGLES, WILL HAVE BOOKING PRIVILAGES TERMINATED WITHOUT A REFUND.**
- **IF AT LEAST ONE PLAYER IS NOT PRESENT AT THE START OF THE HOUR FOR WHICH A COURT IS BOOKED, COURT IS IMMEDIATELY GIVEN TO WAITING PLAYERS. BY FIVE MINUTES PAST THE HOUR TWO PLAYERS MUST BE ON THE COURT, OR BOOKING IS FORFIETED AND COURT IS GIVEN TO WAITING PLAYERS.**
- **ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO SWEEP THE COURT AFTER USE IN A MANNER THAT IS APPROVED BY COURT ATTENDANT.**
- **WHEN GATES ARE LOCKED, NO PLAY IS PERMITTED AND NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE COURTS.**
- **ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A SHIRT ON THE COURT.**
- **ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO INTERACT WITH OTHER PLAYERS IN A COURTEOUS AND CONSIDERATE MANNER. YELLING AND USE OF PROFANITY ARE PROHIBITED.**
- **ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY ANY DECISION TAKEN OR DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE COURT MONITOR.**

**NEWTON CENTRE CLAY COURTS  
DATES & TIMES OF OPERATION  
2011**

All hours are subject to change. Permit holders reserve times:

Pre-season: May 3 – May 31	Mon. – Fri.	9:00 – Noon	4:00 – 8:00PM
	Sat. & Sun.	9:00 – 1:00	4:00 – 6:00PM
Regular season: June 1 – September 6	Mon. – Fri.	9:00 – Noon	3:00 – 8:00PM
	Sat. & Sun.	9:00– 1:00	3:00 – 6:00PM
Post season: September 7 – October 15	Mon. – Fri.	9:00 – Noon	3:00 – 6:00PM
	Sat. & Sun.	9:00– 1:00	3:00 – 6:00PM

Closed for maintenance daily during regular season Mon – Fri. Noon to 3:00; Sat&Sun. 1:00 – 3:00PM. Regular maintenance times may change or additional maintenance times will be required occasionally and courts will be closed. **SPECIAL EVENTS AND CLINIC TIMES WILL BE POSTED AT THE COURTS**  
Pre-bookings for Clinics and special events will be posted.

**NON-RESERVED COURT PLAY:** is on a strict first come first serve basis. Court changeover will be on the hour except where a doubles booking produces and open court at the half hour.

**NEWTON CENTRE CLAY TENNIS COURTS  
FEE STRUCTURE – 2011**

**SEASON PERMIT RATES**

SEASON PERMIT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Resident Adult	\$ 140.00
Resident Student (under 18)	\$ 75.00
Non-Resident Adult	\$ 175.00
Non-Resident Student	\$ 125.00

**HOURLY RATES\***

Resident Adult	\$ 10.00
Resident Student (under 18)	\$ 7.00
Non-Resident Adult	\$ 12.00

\* Non-permit holders, if courts are available – reservations are not permitted