

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
July 19, 2018**

Call to order: 6:20 p.m.
A quorum was present

In attendance: Kim Turner, Ann Dykes, Ann Lagasse, Karen Popken

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Heather Shand

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve Parks Commission May 14 Special Meeting and June 25 Meeting Minutes, as amended, by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

72 Hour Parking

Parks Director Lisë Reid presented a resident complaint that there are trucks parked at Atwood Park for multiple days on end and never moved, taking up valuable snow emergency parking space. She presented City Clerk Richard Jones's suggestion that the Parks Commission rule a 72-hour parking limit at Atwood and potentially at all parks. Commissioners discussed potential alternatives including charging for parking at Cushing Park and elsewhere, allowing anyone with a downtown parking permit to park in city parks lots including Cushing Park and considered liability concerns, enforcement, abutter objections, commercial vehicles and limitations. Commissioners were not ready to cap parking at 72 hours across all parks, saying parking policy will have to be established on a park-by-park basis. **Motion to table item by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Dykes. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Removal of White Lines at Cushing Park

Motion to table item pending historic review of minutes where white lines were approved by Commissioner Popken, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Sculpture on CCRT at Joppa Park

Motion to table item pending more complete proposal and a well-advertised public meeting with Joppa Park neighbors by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Dykes. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Tree donation at Bartlet Mall, Nancy Honohan

Motion to approve memorial tree donation contingent on location being in compliance with historic planting plan by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting date, Special Meeting to approve recommendations to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill
Charitable Foundation, Thursday August 9, 2018

Adjourned 7:16 p.m.