

The Waltham Recreation Board held a special meeting on July 7, 2017, at the Waltham Community Center, 510 Moody St., Waltham MA.

Present were: Wayne Cook, Richard Scanlon, Stacey Tully, Gary Vallerand and Jerry Walker. Patricia Curtin, Thomas Creonte and John Graceffa were absent.

Also present was Director of Recreation, Nick Abruzzi.

Chairperson, Richard Scanlon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview the candidate for the position of Recreation Facilities Supervisor I.

Director of Recreation, Nick Abruzzi began by introducing Mr. Ryan Kelley, the only applicant for the position since June 26, 2017. He stated that Mr. Kelley's resume and credentials were emailed to the Board for their review. Director Abruzzi continued by informing the Board that himself, along with Assistant Director, Kim Scott and Board member, Jerry Walker interviewed Mr. Kelley, Monday, June 26, 2017. Board member Jerry Walker began by asking Mr. Kelley why he feels he is the right individual for the position. Mr. Kelley responded by stating that he has worked as a part time employee for the Recreation Department for (6) years. He informed the Board that he began his employment as a skate guard and each year, as his responsibilities increased so did his love for the job. Board Chairman, Dick Scanlon asked Mr. Kelley if he had worked with Mr. Robert McCarthy, (the individual who retired from the position that Mr. Kelley is seeking to fill). He responded by stating that he did work with Mr. McCarthy and he referred to Mr. McCarthy as his mentor.

Board member, Jerry Walker informed the Board that during his interview, Mr. Kelley demonstrated significant self-confidence in his ability to perform the duties necessary for this position. He is very flexible with his hours of employment. Most importantly, Director Abruzzi and Assistant Director Scott speak highly of Mr. Kelley and they strongly endorse him for the position. Mr. Walker highly recommends Mr. Kelley for the position.

Director Abruzzi stated that the department is lucky to have an employee as dedicated as Mr. Kelley. He continued by stating that he is so adaptable to any situation, very poised for his age and is 100% confident in Mr. Kelley. A motion to approve Mr. Ryan Kelley as the chosen candidate for the Recreation Facilities Supervisor I position was made by Board member, Jerry Walker, seconded by Stacy Tully and all in favor. Board member, Gary Vallerand stated that he was very impressed with Mr. Kelley's letters of recommendation. Board member, Wayne Cook congratulated Mr. Kelley.

Another item on the agenda was a request from the Waltham Lions Club for use of Prospect Hill Park. Board Chairperson, Dick Scanlon informed the Board that the request was withdrawn. Director Abruzzi explained that Ken King from the Waltham

Lions Club contacted him asking for permission to use Prospect Hill for a Haunted Hayride even. He reported that due to safety concerns they have withdrawn the request.

On the agenda next was the update on the removal of the Antico Tower at Prospect Hill. Board member Jerry Walker made a motion to enter into executive session stating that continuing in open session while the matter is still in litigation could have a detrimental effect on the process, the motion was seconded by Wayne Cook. A roll call vote was taken and is attached.

When the Executive Session was adjourned, a motion to adjourn the regular session was made by, Jerry Walker. Seconded by Stacy Tully, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Clerk