



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair Carl Franzetti, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Caterbone, Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Giordano, Heaphy, Pratt and Ryan. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Hoch, Mahoney, McGarry and Wallace. Also present were Parks & Recreation Commissioners Joseph Andreana and Althea Brown.

Co-Chair Caterbone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR29.037	REVIEW; Memorial Stone for Jesse Lewis at West Beach. 06/30/16 – Submitted by Rep. Caterbone	Report Made

Committee members discussed the policies of the Parks & Recreation Commission and Mr. Munger's application with Mr. Andreana and Ms. Brown.

Mr. Andreana explained that the applicants wanted to erect a monument similar to a cemetery tombstone. This request was turned down by the Parks & Recreation Commission which offered alternatives. He explained that it has been the long-standing policy of the commission to reject the erection of large monuments in parks for a long time. They will accept unobtrusive plaques in the ground, but not monuments that look like tombstones, in order to be consistent with what a park looks like. For example, the dog park has a plaque in the ground naming the donors. They have approved benches with memorial plaques to be consistent with the purpose of parks.

Mr. Andreana stated that the Commission had given the applicants options for a memorial to Jesse Lewis. The playground is already a memorial and has a sign. The Commission did not take the position that there are "enough" memorials, but did offer numerous alternatives, with the idea that this would be a work of art with

significance, including: the replacement of the toy soldier in cement, a cast iron soldier (which would be cost prohibitive), something flush at the base of the flagpole, such as a brass plate with a picture of a toy soldier, or to contact one of the artists working around town to do a stainless steel fabrication which would be cheaper than a cast iron soldier. The decision of the Commission was unanimous. The applicants have not come back to the Commission.

Rep. Ryan noted that the Toy Soldier was vandalized.

Committee members noted that they were sympathetic to the desire not to have parks look like cemeteries and hoped that the applicant will be able to work something out with the Commission.

Co-Chair Caterbone adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Caterbone, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).