

Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes

June 23, 2008

Members present: Richard Combra, JR, Allan deBettencourt and Nancy Phillips

Meeting opened at 5:00 PM

Plum TV

Plum TV requested to broadcast their morning TV show from Ocean Park bandstand during the week of June 23rd to 27th. Request was approved by Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the park use policy and procedures needing to be updated.

MV Peace Council

MV Peace Council requested to use Ocean Park for display of soldier's boots on July 24th (rain date July 25th). Request was approved by Commissioners.

Hartford Park

Commissioner Combra read into the record a letter from Mr George Chapman praising the superb condition of Hartford Park and the work of Park Foreman James Tripp & the summer laborers.

Appointment – New Beach Committee

Commissioner Phillips will be the Parks Department appointee as Richard Combra, JR is on it as Highway Superintendent.

Snack Shack

Commissioner Combra advised that the BOS made an emergency order to demolish the comfort station at the beach based on CLE Engineering's report on the coastal bank safety. And the demolition would begin May 24th and everything salvageable would be removed and stored at town garage.

It was noted that Kent Healey, engineer and geological structure expert hired by the Parks Commission did not agree with this bank evaluation or destruction of the structure which could not be replaced by CZM standards.

Beach issues

Board of Selectmen voted not to do the stairs and cut open a section of the railing for access. Signs to keep off jetty, swim at own risk, etc are to be posted. Lifeguard stands would need to be replaced if they ever come back. Temporary ramp to beach plan by Doug Ulwick was briefly discussed and Commissioner Phillips suggested waiting until July 7th public hearing for public input regarding the proposed ramp as she felt it did not give access to the water and took up a major portion of the beach.

Beach Grant update

Commissioner Phillips is getting together a grant proposal for \$500,000 from State of Massachusetts with due date of July 15th. Set priorities: storm water run-off mitigation; beautify Waban/Alley Park with native species; bathrooms – update Sea View bathrooms interior & fixing

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outside contours; covered bike rack; automatic cleaning toilets if possible (Sea View & portable); Farm Pond multi-user path.

Waiting for RFP to go out on for railing & Farm Pond area and has not been done yet by the Town Administrator. Need a survey so they can decide whether they can move the traveled roadway over to accommodate a bike path which affects the walkway.

MVC map of Oak Bluffs parks

Check to make sure all parks are on there; number them and set up schedule to let people know the Commissioners are going to discuss “their” park.

Commissioner Phillips said that they need to be identified with a sign; there should be at minimum a small path to a bench for the more rustic ones. She wants the neighbors to give their input.

They discussed where “jetty” beach is located; what is “pay beach” “sea view beach” and “town” beach. Commissioners agreed that “Sea View Beach” would be an appropriate name.

Hold public meeting on two-three parks to gather input from neighbors and then apply for CPA funds. Commissioner Phillips agreed to make schedule.

Commissioner Combra said he would meet every week but it was difficult during the summer with his other obligations.

Commissioners agreed on the every other week schedule.

Veira Park baseball

Gail Barmakian wanted to know if the baseball season was over.

Commissioner Combra said he would look into it.

Meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

Nicole L Morey