

Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes

October 6, 2008

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

Meeting opened at 5:05 PM

Bandstand

Park Commissioners and public reviewed the new plans and old photos of the Ocean Park bandstand.

There was a meeting at the bandstand with electrician Cole Powers and structural engineer John Lolley and there were no foreseen problems with what the Dunkls plan to do.

The historic committee liked the plans Commissioner Phillips presented them. The railings are being repaired not replaced; they can replace the balustrades without replacing the railings.

Commissioner Combra felt the spindles looked better but would go with the majority decision.

People felt the historic committee would give guidance on what should be done and whether to have a public hearing on it.

Commissioner Phillips advised that there is an informational meeting with them on Wednesday, October 8th and posting of a public hearing needs at least 14 days.

Commissioners agreed that getting the historic committee's input on color, shingles, and spindles was needed before any final plan is made.

The recessed lighting currently in use is not adequate to read music; something stronger and more durable is needed. Dunkls suggested getting portable stand lights instead.

Cole Powers suggested a portable power source for communications or acoustic needs. It was suggested to put outlets on every other post.

Commissioner Combra also suggested some sort of mounting system for the Christmas lights.

It was advised that when there is a public hearing that the mailing list be expanded to at least 300 feet.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned putting a plaque up after it is completed.

Basketball Lighting

Commissioner Phillips advised Cole Powers that they were thinking of turning the basketball court perpendicular and better lighting and more efficient was needed.

Cole Powers suggested metal haloids/vapor lighting would give the maximum light for the least amount of money; something that can reach with a bucket truck and possibly keyed access with a timer. He said he would make some preliminary plans but probably take four 15 watt haloids but he would send it to his lighting designer for advice.

There were questions on whether fences over a certain height have to conform to set backs; perhaps they could get dispensation from the Planning Board.

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Commissioner Phillips said she couldn't find an outdoor basketball scoreboard. She was still looking into a multi-use backboard closer to the tennis courts that would also need lighting.

Commissioner deBettencourt warned that the State may be looking to take money away from Towns due to the financial crisis.

Commission Phillips said it may have to be paced over a few years.

Commissioner Phillips said she asked Rob Shearer of the Festival Network how they could expect from the concert (\$3500) and so she asked George Sourati to survey the west end of Niantic Park (basketball courts) and within the CPC grant application she asked for money for a full existing site survey.

Commissioner deBettencourt asked if the electrician could look at the meter socket in the middle of Waban/Alley Park and get it fixed. Cole agreed to look at it.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned that the picnic pavilion needs a lot of work.

Cole said he would be willing to donate the labor and materials to put an electrical infrastructure throughout the park for the future.

Commissioner Phillips envisions paths throughout the park with low level lighting.

Cole suggested something like the bollards along Kennebec Avenue due to potential vandalism.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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