

Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes

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

Others present: Larry Bombara (Lorine Consulting), Tom Dugnan (Water District) Joe Alosso (Wastewater), Gail Barmakian (Wastewater), Bill Wilcox (MVC), Maurice O'Connor (Architect), S David Wilson (Historic Committee), Kathy Burton (Selectmen), Anthony Holand (Metal Sculpture), Kerry Scott (Selectmen)

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| Ocean Park “Signature Park Status” | Minimize & manage water usage, nutrient load storm & standing water in park | As beautiful as summer 2008 but without standing water | Park Commission | |
| | Using 3 million gallons Crossland Landscape uses organic fertilizer Geese controlled by use of dogs | | | |
| | Well hook-up still needs to be done; need estimates & where it would draw water from | Use well water to irrigate | | |
| | Need to figure out if it would draw from the WW beds | | | |
| | Bill Wilcox said that Farm Pond watershed expands during summer season due to ground water from Ocean Park | | | |
| | Joe Alosso said that they were five years away from meeting regulations | | | |
| | Well testing might initially show clean water but as it continues to draw water it might not be clean | | | |
| | Larry Bombara said they shouldn't be using Town drinking water to irrigate as it has chloride, etc He suggested finding out if well can be used & getting DEP approval Need to start minimizing water usage everywhere There is a meter so they can check usage (daily/weekly) | | | |
| | Commissioner Combra advised a meeting with Mark Crossland & Water District | Meeting on 7/20 at 10:30 AM | Richard Combra, JR | |
| | Commissioner Combra said that he has not seen a lot of puddles; went down quickly after heavy rain event | | | |
| | Commissioner Phillips said she spoke with ConCom who would like minimal fertilization | | | |

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| Ocean Park (con't) | Discussion of grass replacement after Wastewater completes work on beds | | | |
| Bandstand | <p>Maurice O'Connor gave brief update on Bandstand project; door & hardware</p> <p>David Wilson gave input on historic aspect on hinges</p> <p>Commissioners concerned about vandals</p> <p>Motion: Install hardware with door in grey stain. BY: Richard Combra, JR SECOND: Nancy Phillips Motion passed</p> <p>A lot of joists needed to be replaced, custom made Bilco door installed, skirt is done, and painting is done.</p> <p>Commissioner Combra advised that painters promised to remove the wireless antennas on Tuesday.</p> <p>Discussion on weathervane</p> <p>Commissioner Phillips advised that on November 12, 2008 there was a public hearing at Cottage City Historic Cmte with Friends of OB & Chuck Sullivan where the finial was discussed.</p> <p>She added that property owners up to 1,000 feet were sent a notice about hearing on 11/12/08 and it was advertised in papers.</p> <p>David Wilson said he doesn't have issue with weathervane staying up but the design reviewed at hearing had the finial in it.</p> | Rehabilitation | Park Commission | Phase I 6/28/09 |

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| Bandstand (con't) | <p>Kathy Burton said everyone at hearing loved the finial, no one realized there was such sentimental value with the weathervane.</p> <p>Commissioner Combra attended a Friends of Oak Bluffs meeting & they seemed to be unanimous in keeping the weathervane. Also a petition from neighbors in the area and it appears in published pictures. He has not heard of anyone asking to take it down.</p> <p>Commissioner Phillips felt that people should have attended the public hearing if they wanted to keep the weathervane.</p> <p>David Wilson said he felt they should keep the weathervane & add a lighting rod.</p> <p>Commissioner deBettencourt said he received a lot of phone calls from Ocean Park residents who want to keep the weathervane.</p> <p>Maurice O'Connor said it may need to be repaired.</p> <p>Commissioner Combra suggested waiting until roof is re-shingled in September.</p> <p>Motion: To keep the weathervane, add a lighting rod to it & repair finial as best they can. BY: Nancy Phillips SECOND: Richard Combra, JR Motion passed</p> <p>Commissioner Phillips said that wading pond is considered a historic landmark.</p> <p>Commissioner Combra said it was not the same pond.</p> | | | |

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| Niantic Park | Tennis courts were repainted | Successful tennis program | Karon Wojtkielo | |
| | Clinics & lessons are going well | | | |
| | Commission Combra suggested giving Oak Bluffs residents a head start on reservations | | | |
| | Swing chains have been replaced by Foreman James Tripp | Safety | | |
| | Basketball program going well | Successful basketball program | Mike Joyce | |
| | Candlelight Memorial Event is scheduled for August 4 th to raise money for courts | | | |
| | Commissioner Combra suggested the need to discuss whether baseball field project is feasible and if not then transfer funds to basketball courts. | | | |
| | Commissioner Phillips said they would need to discuss with CPA as well Little League. | | | |
| | Both agreed that they would hate to loss the money but the baseball fields will be at least five or more years away. | | | |
| | Unsure if funds can be used on existing parks | | | |
| Sea View beach update | Commissioner Combra suggested contacting "The Shamrock Club" for money | | | |
| | Commissioner Phillips said that at least \$310,000 is needed to renovate the corner where the basketball courts are. | | | |
| | Kerry Scott gave an update on the Committee's work & the public input received; opposition to portable restrooms along beach | | | |

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| Recycling containers | Commissioners reviewed info on possible recycling containers for Niantic Park Commissioner Phillips said she would see if Vineyard Conservation Society donated some to Park Dept as they did for SSA | Public recycling | | |
| Signs in parks | Two signs to be posted in Hartford Park regarding cleaning up after dogs Future review of signs for next year stating Park regulations | Dog excrement removal | | |
| Dog potties | Discussion of placement of potties Commissioner Combra advised that many used for household & beach trash instead of dog waste | | | |

Next meeting July 20, 2009