

Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes

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

Others present: Will Pasquina (Vineyard Pedicabs), Kris Lukowitzi (Little League), Jamie McNeely, George Sourati, Christine Todd, Karon Wojtkielo, Alan Muckerhide, Deborah Westervelt, Cathy Goudy, Bill Veno (MVC)

Item	Minutes	Goal	Person(s) Responsible	Date of Completion
Pan Mass Challenge Ocean Park	Will Pasquina explained that they want to hold a 40-mile bikeathon from Oak Bluffs to Aquinnah to raise money for Dana Faber Cancer Institute; would like to use Ocean Park as a registration site with table	Fund raising event		10/4/09
	Commissioner Combra said he willing to approve the use of Ocean Park for the registration, but they need to inform Board of Selectmen & Police.			
	Commissioner Phillips asked that they complete a special event application form			
Veira Park	Kris Lukowitzi said that they have funds to upgrade the existing light fixtures Would be on timer	New lighting for safety		04/2010
	Commissioner Combra said he approves the request to fix the lights; always had lighted games			
	Commissioner deBettencourt agreed			
	Kris said he would provide specs			
	Commissioner Phillips wants energy efficient & with shields for directional lighting			
	Kris said they would like to install an electrical score board in center field that would only be up during the baseball season	Electric scoreboard		04/2010
	Motion: To approve Little League's request to improve the lighting & add an electric scoreboard at Veira Park. BY: Richard Combra, JR SECOND: Nancy Phillips Motion passed			

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Veira Park (con't)	<p>Maybe opposition from neighbors</p> <p>Kris will supply copy of insurance to Park Commission when renewed in January</p>			
End of regular meeting				
Niantic Park Joint meeting with Oak Bluffs Park & Rec Association	<p>George Sourati discussed existing conditions & possible fixes for Niantic Park</p> <p>Detailed survey of park & surrounding streets was reviewed</p> <p>He said that there are several ways to solve drainage issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start catching rain water on Wamsutta with catch basins also on Tuckernuck & Circuit Ave 2. Try to something in corner (?) of park <p>Need to figure out how much water will need to be removed</p> <p>Commissioner Combra suggested a combination of both catch basins & infiltrator system</p> <p>Commissioner Phillips said that Fire Dept told her that they were pumping 60,000 gallons per hour for four hours (240,000)</p> <p>Re-using water for irrigation is expensive as water needs to be stored somewhere</p> <p>Commissioner Combra suggested landscaping that would require as little watering as possible</p> <p>Use native plants that are drought resistant</p> <p>Commissioner Phillips said she is meeting with playground people on September 27th</p>	Improve Niantic Park		

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Niantic Park (con't)	<p>George said that the ground gets saturated with water & basins can't take more in during heavy rain events</p> <p>Determine where ground water is and need decent soil for leaching basins</p> <p>Funding is the biggest concern</p> <p>Commissioner Combra commented that many storm water grants want to see some type of positive environmental impact</p> <p>Christine Todd said they could show how much it costs every time the Fire Dept has to pump in that area</p> <p>Karon Wojtkielo wanted to see pathways thru the park & would it cause water issues</p> <p>Commissioner Combra didn't know there was grant money for one big project (drainage/courts/paths/bathrooms) He felt they should design the whole thing & then see what grant money is out there</p> <p>Discussion of grading within park to be able to utilize it more (bocce, etc)</p> <p>Need for water in park for bathrooms, etc</p> <p>Requested George to design a preliminary drainage plan with estimates on volumes & what he would recommend (combo catch basins with filtration system) in triangle area</p> <p>Need to schedule for soil samples</p>			

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Multi-user paths	<p>Bill Veno spoke about multi-user paths possibly using Sunset Lake Park</p> <p>Sea View Ave from Farm Pond to Ocean Park needs addressing, may lose parking along beach from Nantucket Ave toward Edgartown</p> <p>Trying to find easier way for bikers to get thru Town</p> <p>Bill presented alternatives that would use various Town parks for paths</p> <p>Commissioner Phillips would like some other materials besides asphalt thru Sunset Lake Park</p> <p>Would like more people using bikes to get to Town instead of vehicles</p> <p>Shift travel lane along Sea View Ave?</p> <p>Discussion of Beach Rd by hospital turn onto Eastville</p> <p>Need to determine the “parks” in Town; advised to check Open Space Plan in ConCom office</p>	<p>Safety issues for bikes</p>		

Next meeting September 21, 2009