

## **Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes**

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**May 3, 2010**

**Members present: Nancy Phillips, Buddy deBettencourt & Richard Combra, JR**

**Others present: Gail Barmakian (BOS/Wastewater), John Meade (Apostolic House of Prayer)**

**Minutes Approved: April 5, 2010**

### **“Event” Definition & Policy**

Commissioners agreed on definition that any event over ten (10) people will be considered an “event” and the policy would be sent to the Town Administrator for review.

There was a discussion about the new by-law regarding amplified music in the Town of Oak Bluffs that will be voted on May 4<sup>th</sup> town meeting. Also need clarification about using small (10x10) tents in Oak Bluffs parks especially Sunset Lake.

Gail Barmakian stated that if it is a public event then it may be possible to have a tent.

**Motion: To approve draft event definition & policy and submit to the Town Administrator for review.**

**By: Commissioner Combra**

**Second: Commissioner Phillips**

**Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

### **Special Event Requests**

Commissioners reviewed Karen Finley’s request to use Inkwell beach on August 13, 2010 for her daughter’s wedding from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM (includes set-up and take down).

Email from Mrs Finley read by Commissioner Phillips regarding reasons she requested use of the beach for the wedding.

**Motion: To approve Karen Finley’s wedding request to use Inkwell beach on August 13, 2010**

**By: Commissioner Combra**

**Second: Commissioner Phillips**

**Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Commissioners reviewed the Apostolic House of Prayer request to use Waban/Alley Park on Sundays beginning May 30, 2010 thru September 5, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM (includes set-up and take down) for church services.

**Motion: To approve Apostolic House of Prayer’s request to use Waban/Alley Park and to be able to use a tent if forecasted to rain. Amplified sound use pending discussion with Town Administrator.**

**By: Commissioner Combra**

**Second: Commissioner Phillips**

**Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Commissioners reviewed Boston Area Roadsters’ request to use Sunset Lake Park for their annual event on June 17, 18 & 19, 2010 with an estimated 40 vehicles.

**Motion: To approve Boston Area Roadster’s request to use Sunset Lake Park on June 17, 18 & 19, 2010 for their annual event.**

**By: Commissioner deBettencourt**

**Second: Commissioner Combra**

**Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

### **Leonardo Property Baseball fields**

Commissioner Phillips advised that the next Wastewater meeting is on May 17<sup>th</sup> and asked if the Wastewater Commission has developed a plan yet.

Gail Barmakian replied that nothing has been decided and the permits only require that the water be cleaned to a certain level.

Commissioner Phillips said that the Town Administrator told her that the Park Commission cannot do anything until Wastewater has a plan and permit approved by DEP as he is concerned about spending money twice on surveys, etc.

### **Water Department & Park water needs**

Commissioner Phillips said that she met with Tom Degnan of the Water District and he wanted to know where water is needed in Niantic Park.

Commissioners felt that water is needed at Niantic Park due to basketball camp, tennis patrons & general watering.

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Commissioner Phillips would also like water at Waban/Alley Park.

Commissioner deBettencourt said that there is water access across from the second house on Tuckernuck Ave from Sea View Ave.

Commissioner Phillips asked Water District to identify where there is water along the beach. She was also told that the Water District wants to put meters on all locations and possibly charging the Town for water use, so she asked them to ask DEP to increase the permit level. She advised that the Water District Commissioners are upset about the Harbor using one million gallons and Ocean Park using three million gallons during the season.

### **Niantic Park**

Commissioners commented on the new sidewalk in the park.

Commissioner Phillips said that Karon Wojtkiolo is the Tennis Director and she has received \$2,000 from USTA to market the Community Tennis Association, set up junior team tennis and other leagues to play at Niantic Park. She is also applying for another \$4,000 grant for equipment with no matching funds required. She wants to hire three people; one pro to be assistant supervisor and teach lessons who supervise other two attendants who would be teenagers. Base pay would be \$11.00 per hour and 25% of lesson fees going to pro and 75% to the Town.

**Motion: To approve pay schedule of \$11.00 for attendants with the tennis pro getting 25% and the Town receiving 75% of lessons fees.**

**By: Commissioner Combra**

**Second: Commission Phillips**

**Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Commissioners tabled voting on Niantic Park Tennis Regulations until next meeting in two weeks.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned possibility of selling bricks as a fund raiser for the tennis program.

Commissioner Phillips advised that Basketball Director Michael Joyce informed her that all of staff is ready to come back. She hopes that USTA will come to do a workshop on teaching tennis to children and would like to find out if such a program exists for basketball. She will come back with more info on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> street ball classic and fund raising efforts for the basketball court.

Commissioner Combra wanted to know how much the Town receives from the street ball classic and how much the organizers get because it is advertised as a fund raiser for the court.

Commissioner Phillips is trying to have a parent/child tennis tournament the same weekend with a town picnic.

### **Ocean Park & Bandstand**

Commissioner Phillips said there is still inside work to be done as well as caulking so the painters can finish. Also a dehumidifier needs to be placed inside that would drain into a drywell.

Commissioner Combra said that he would look into getting a commercial dehumidifier.

Commissioner Phillips was concerned about the hatch being open during weddings, some kind of portable netting and needs to be figured out soon.

Commissioner Combra suggested putting a whale weathervane back up as that would probably be the least objectionable.

Commissioner deBettencourt felt the same but thought Tuck Holland might be too expensive.

Commissioner Phillips said it needs to wait until the seasonal residents are back because they have already said they would have another public input session.

### **Soldiers Memorial Fountain**

Commissioner Phillips advised that at the last Board of Selectmen meeting, Ron D'Orio suggested moving it back to the bottom of Circuit Avenue.

Commissioner deBettencourt felt that would be a step backwards as it was moved for a reason over 40 years ago.

Commissioner Combra felt it would take a lot to move it and so many people have an opinion about the issues impacting the Town so perhaps there could be a ballot question asking voters if they are in favor moving it. He remembers years ago that there was talk about putting a clock in the same spot; hard to get a consensus as seen with the weathervane issue.

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Commissioner Phillips said that Barney Sites told her that he cannot work on it until the dust settles from Steamship Authority and Lake Avenue work and he hopes to work on it in June.

Commissioner Combra replied that he was told that the work would be done by Memorial Day as they are on or ahead of schedule.

Commissioner Phillips added that David Wilson told her it was okay to remove the fence (posts & chains) around the statue.

### **Waban/Alley Park**

Commissioners discussed the work done and the need to put in natural vegetation in an 80x50 area as part of the PARC grant.

Commissioner Combra said that the Highway Department will be sifting during week and hope to spread the loam/hydroseed by the middle of next week.

### **Beach Management**

Commissioner Phillips wants clarification from the Board of Selectmen on who is managing the beach, as she has concerns with the stairs.

Commissioner Combra replied that he was meeting the Conservation Commission Agent the next day and would speak to her about rebuilding the stairs.

Commissioner Phillips met with George Sourati to discuss placement of mobile units, where water & electrical access is possible. She needs to meet with Wastewater & Water District to get placement of grinder pumps and also for pedestal showers.

It was agreed that Commissioner Phillips will ask the Board of Selectmen about beach management at their next meeting.

### **Penacook Park**

Commissioner Phillips said that she will ask the Water District about getting water hook up at that location.

### **Potential Park rules, etc**

Commissioners will review rules and tabled any discussion until the next meeting.

### **Big Belly Solar trash compactor**

Discussion of location and decided to try at Post Office Square.

### **Veira Park scoreboard**

Review and discussion of the scoreboard that the Little League wants to put up at baseball field.

**Motion: To approve Martha's Vineyard Little League's proposed scoreboard for Veira Park after review by the Town Administrator.**

**By: Commissioner deBettencourt**

**Second: Commissioner Combra**

**Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

### **Pedestrian Safety Workshop**

Commissioner Phillips would like to apply for a workshop sponsored by US Department of Transportation & Highway Administration which may help with future requests. She needs two letters of recommendation.

*DISCLAIMER: These minutes are based on a tape recording and as such have a margin of error.*

**Next meeting May 17, 2010**