

June 21, 2010

Members present: Nancy Phillips & Buddy deBettencourt

Others present: Barbara Hoyle (OB Resident), Ann Margetson (OB Resident), Jack Regan (OB Resident) Gail Barmakian (BOS/Wastewater/OB Resident)

Special Event Requests

- MVH Annual Sullivan Fun Run/Walk in Washington Park on August 28, 2010 with parking in Sunset Lake Park.

Residents in attendance were concerned about the parks becoming parking lots for public use. People are not obeying the signs that say “no parking” signs along Greenleaf Ave; police are not enforcing it.

Motion: To approve MVH’s request to use Washington and Sunset Lake Parks on August 28, 2010 with parking to end by 12:30 noon.

By: Commissioner deBettencourt

Second: Commissioner Phillips

Motion passed 2-0.

- Plum TV – Jack Wills cricket event application was illegible so it was deferred until a better copy was received.
- Omar Daniels (Vineyard Streetball Classic) to use Niantic Park basketball court on July 3, 2010

Commissioner deBettencourt wants to see copies of insurance coverage for events included with applications.

Ann Margetson claims that she has asked for the lines to re-paint in parking area. She explained the history of the basketball court in Niantic Park. She is opposed any impermeable surface being added to the area and would like to see some areas of pavement removed and replaced with gravel.

Commissioner Phillips agreed that some of the pavement should be removed. She has had the park and surrounding roads surveyed; it is very difficult situation and would cost half million dollars to fix.

Motion: To approve Mr Daniel’s request to use Niantic Park basketball court for the Vineyard Streetball Classic on July 3, 2010 (rain date of July 4, 2010) with the condition that they keep noise level at respectable level.

By: Commissioner Phillips

Second: Commissioner deBettencourt

Motion passed 2-0.

- **MV Community Services update; need to discuss tent location with them and Commissioner Combra.**
- **Special Event Permit Application update; add sentence about CORI may be required.**

Event definition & policy

Revised event definition wording; an event is an organized social occasion or activity of more than 10 unrelated people or 20 related people on Oak Bluffs Town property under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Department and Parks Commissioners.

It was clarified that applicants can be charged a fee to use a park in order to maintain it (Chapter 45 MGL).

Event policy: need to get building official’s definition of structure plus need to review deed of Lakeside Park.

Commissioners tabled vote on event definition and policy.

Rules & Regulations review

Commissioner Phillips presented second draft of park rules; operating hours revised to 7 am – 2 am and reduced rules down to nine.

There was a discussion of Town by-laws that states no sleeping on Town property as well as noise ordinance. It is up to police to enforce them which they do.

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Gail Barmakian felt that people should be allowed to walk along beach whenever they wanted to and not have set operating hours.

Commissioner Phillips agreed to remove operating hours and revised “swearing” to “profanity.” She said a copy of Town Counsel’s opinion regarding parking in park areas is available at Town Hall.

Ms Barmakian questioned whether Park Commissioners have enforcement powers.

Commissioner Phillips believed that it is covered under Chapter 45 MGL.

She added “no overnight sleeping” to park regulations.

Commissioners tabled vote on rules and regulations.

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Next meeting July 19, 2010