

Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes

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August 16, 2010

Members present: Nancy Phillips & Richard Combra JR

Others present: Gail Barmakian (BOS/Wastewater/OB Resident), John Regan (OB Resident), Karon Wojtkielo (Tennis Coordinator), Judy Shemit (OB Resident), Emmy Smith (OB Resident), Kerry Scott (OB Resident), Ann Margetson (OB Resident)

Special Event Requests

- Friends & Neighbors of Sunset Lake request to use surrounding park area for community picnic on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Motion: To approve request with no parking in park but can park along road and waive the fee of \$250.

By: Commissioner Phillips Second: Commissioner Combra

Motion passed 2-0.

- John Meade requested to extend use of Waban/Alley Park on August 27, 28 & 29, 2010 in the evenings for visiting preacher.

Motion: To approve extension request as long as there is no amplification.

By: Commissioner Phillips Second: Commissioner Combra

Motion passed 2-0.

Ocean Park Bandstand

Commissioner Phillips said that there is a Bandstand Committee made of Commissioner deBettencourt, Emmy Smith and Judy Shemit but they were not in attendance to give an update on the weathervane status.

Park rules & regulations

Commissioner Phillips advised that the draft policy is with Town Administrator Michael Dutton for review and then will be posted on website for people to read before finalizing them. She added that any voting will be done at September meeting.

Tennis Invitational

Tennis Coordinator Karon Wojtkielo explained that there will be a tennis tournament on August 24th and she was looking for more women officials. She said that there will be an expedition match with tennis pros from the Island, a small barbeque with healthy foods, then Town officials versus MVRHS varsity boys & girls teams followed by round robin play or instruction.

Commissioners Combra and Phillips approved event and commended her on the job she has done.

Ms Wojtkielo said she will make recommendations for next season as well as accountability report in the fall.

Ocean Park Bandstand (con't)

Judy Shemit said that they have discussed the whale weathervane and if funding available to go with Tuck Holland.

Commissioner Combra advised that there is money in the CPA funds to get a good quality long lasting weathervane. He thought that they were supposed to get quotes on a weathervane exactly the way it was.

Ms Shemit said that there should be some leeway for the artists making it but the drawing Anthony Tuck did was of a whale with an open mouth and teeth which no one liked. He can do some more drawings if it is decided to go with him but it would be eighteen months to make it and cost \$5,000-\$6,000.

Kerry Scott said that she had names of other metal sculpture artists on island that may be able to make something similar to what was there.

Ms Shemit and Emmy Smith will go back to Tuck Holland and talk with him about price and time line for completion.

Beach access

Emmy Smith expressed concern for access to the beach.

Waban/Alley Park

Ms Barmakian advised that John Regan was unable to attend but wants to be on the agenda for the next meeting. She said that he was taken back that the plantings went in as they thought it wasn't going to be done until fall.

Commissioners told her that he should attend their next meeting to discuss the matter.

Chairmanship

Commissioner deBettencourt wanted to make it clear that chairmanship should be decided every year.

Commissioner Combra said that different boards seem to have different policies regarding chairmanship and should be included in the Park policies that at the first meeting after April elections that a vote should be held on who is to be chairman.

Commissioner Combra left the meeting after Ann Margetson placed rocks and debris from Niantic Park on table.

Niantic Park

Ann Margetson states that Niantic Park has not been raked in thirty years but new sidewalks and shrubs were put in. She felt that there was a new commercial sign that it not belong in the park and nothing has been done about the sharp edges of the bleachers. She insists that it needs to be raked and trash removed before it is mowed. She also thinks that the two parking spaces are not big enough and vehicles stick out into the street.

Commissioner Phillips said that in the job descriptions for tennis and basketball employees includes cleaning trash up from park areas. She hopes to create management plans for every park so Park Foreman knows what needs to be done.

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

Next meeting September 20, 2010

**Note: September 20th meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum*