

October 4, 2010

Members present: Nancy Phillips & Buddy deBettencourt

Others present: Frank Dunkl (Craftsman), Gail Barmakian (BOS/WW/OB Resident), John Regan (OB Resident), Barbara Hoyle (OB Resident), Terry McCarthy (OB Resident), Donna Hayes (OB Resident)

Special Event Requests

- **Ocean Park - Wedding and Reception**, September 24, 2011 – Ashley Webb & Paul Colleary Application discussed esp. regarding the request for 3 tents: 40 x 100', and (2) 20 x 20' tents. Commissioner de Bettencourt expressed concern over putting tent stakes in and overuse of Ocean Park with consideration for irrigation and treated effluent WW piping below the surface. Commissioner de Bettencourt will discuss this with the family.
No action taken.
- **Ocean Park - Olympic distance triathlon Pre-race registration and small Expo**, Sept. 10, 2011 - Odyssey Trisport, LLC contact: Matthew Brackman. Again, concern over tent stakes into the infrastructure below. Commissioner Phillips had spoken with Mr. Brackman beforehand expressing concern over these stakes and that the location may need to be moved as per decision by all three Park Commissioners. He had said that he was waiting to hear from Chilmark regarding the route going through their town and their concern for traffic disruption. He should know by the end of this week their decision. Commissioner de Bettencourt would like this applicant to reconsider the location of the registration – like Waban – Alley Park. Commissioner Phillips would like to hear an update on their plans. She said that this sounds like a wonderful event and hoped something could be worked out so that a part of it was still held in Oak Bluffs. She will follow up with the applicant.
No action taken.
- **East Chop Lighthouse – Wedding**, Sept. 9, 2011 - Brian Ralph. Mr. Ralph originally requested this site through OB Parks and Rec. Dept. However, when he found out that this was a permit to only use the grounds and not the Lighthouse he contacted the MV Museum. Commissioner Phillips relayed a conversation she had with the MV Museum regarding fees for this site and perhaps they should be split since wedding parties usually want the Lighthouse AND the surrounding grounds. She said they do use the permit fee to pay the Lighthouse keeper because he must be on site during the wedding (liability issues). This needs further discussion b/t the Parks Commissioners and the MV Museum Director.
No action taken.

Commissioner Updates

This is a new concept for our Board and Commissioner de Bettencourt would like to start this next meeting.

Old Business

Ocean Park Bandstand

Frank Dunkl advised that they plan to work on interior during the next few weeks and store spare rails and post at Town garage.

Commissioner Phillips said that she contacted Alan Gowell about a plaque for the bandstand and was waiting for an email back for him with a picture of suggested design. She also would like some small plaques that state “no trespassing – police take notice.” And she would also like cameras mounted and connected to the police station as kids have already begun defacing the new shingles and climbing on it.

Soldier restoration

Commissioner Phillips stated that the work has begun on the statue and it involved a lot of research to get the right materials, get the rust off and waiting for special paint. She said it is supposed to have maintenance every two years as the screws have rusted since its 2003 restoration.

Niantic Park

Commissioner Phillips has contacted another engineering firm to try and figure what to do about the flooding issue.

Beach monitoring

Commissioner Phillips advised that Department of Public Health performs testing of the beaches in Oak Bluffs (Jetty – Marinelli, Pay, Inkwell, Madeiras Cove, Eastville (2), and State Beach (2)) for enterococci and monitored by Oak Bluffs Board of Health. She said it was high a few occasions during the summer that may be due to water temperature. She would like a friendlier sign for next summer.

Gail Barmakian was concerned about putting up a permanent sign as it might worry visitors.

Commissioner Phillips replied that it would be required by the Department of Public Health next summer to have a more permanent sign as this summer was a grace period to use removable signs.

Ms Barmakian suggested contacting Frank Barvenik as he used to work for WHOI Lab to discuss the water testing.

Seaview Bathroom

Commissioner Phillips said that there was a ConCom hearing scheduled for October 5th at 12:15 PM on the site only.

Waban/Alley Park

Commissioner Phillips said that there was a ConCom hearing scheduled for October 12th at 4:15 PM on the proposed sprinkler system.

Ms Barmakian asked if the Parks Commission had previously decided at a meeting to put in the irrigation system.

Commissioner Phillips replied that it was temporarily sprinkler system was needed to get the plants established. She explained that she went away in July and the plants did not get watered so they subsequently lost some plants due to the dry conditions.

Ms Barmakian wanted to know that as group did the Parks Commission approve the irrigation.

Commissioner Phillips said that it was discussed and that everyday operations don't need to get such approval. She felt she was being interrogated about the project and that it fell under the grant conditions.

John Regan felt that Commissioner Phillips was not letting people speak and that sprinkler system wasn't discussed at any previous meeting. He continued that he felt that Commissioner Phillips would end the discussion when she didn't like what was being said and insisted he should be able to speak.

Commissioner Phillips replied that she is doing what the majority of the people voted for at the public hearing held on July 7, 2008.

Barbara Hoyle didn't think that their discussion was helping; she felt that not enough people knew about the Park Commission meetings.

Ms Barmakian stated that everyone on Nantucket Avenue side did not want the "water garden" but because of the grant money it was put in and half of it has failed so she didn't want to see more money spent on it as the issue is problematic.

New Business

Sunset Lake Park

Terry McCarthy introduced Donna Hayes as the president of the newly formed group Friends and Neighbors of Sunset Park, Inc. with 40 members made of neighbors along Dukes County Ave and Greenleaf Ave that are dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the Sunset Lake watershed and the surrounding park. They plan to work with Town departments (Park and ConCom) to make the area a more user friendly place and not just as a parking lot. They plan to apply for CPA funds and hope that the Park Commission will support their restoration efforts.

Commissioner deBettencourt said that years ago they use to mow down to the lake edge and that the Camp Meeting Association gave Sunset Lake to the Town of Oak Bluffs to be used for park purposes.

Commissioner Phillips said that she has requested copies of the deeds for Sunset Lake and Lakeside Park (hill area) from the Town Administrator and the group should make sure that they have copies of all deeds of which there are at least three or four.

There was a discussion about the using the hill area for parking and the need for off-site Park-n-Ride lot in Oak Bluffs.

Commissioner Phillips said that Sunset Lake was on the list for Town's Capital Improvement projects. Others on the priority list include Road & Byways recommendations, Niantic Park storm water resolution, Hiawatha Park restoration, Sea View welcome center & universal access comfort station, 4WD energy fuel efficient hybrid truck and park signage identification.

Letters

Commissioner Phillips advised that MCVS sent a letter thanking them for the use of Ocean Park for the Possible Dreams Auction and they raised \$415,000. She said there was also a letter from Joseph Vera complaining about the noise made by Tilton Tents on the raising of the tents and they will have to be informed that in 2011 that will not be allowed.

Ms Hoyle said she did not see the Park agenda on the door of the Town Hall when she went by that day.

Commissioner Phillips replied that the agenda was sent to the Town Clerk and it is up to that office to post it where all can see.

Ocean Park pool

Frank Dunkl commented on his meeting with Tim Twombly, a water filtration engineer to discuss the pool in Ocean Park and efforts needed to keep it clean.

Commissioner Phillips said she asked Mr Twombly to meet with the Dunkls and was waiting to get a report of his findings.

Mr Dunkl advised that the water should be drained and the physical condition of the pool inspected.

Commissioner deBettencourt said that he knows a person in the pool business that he can contact about inspecting it.

After the pool is inspected, the Commissioners will decide what type of water filtration system to install and the cost of installing it.

There was a discussion of how to get the water out of the pool in order to inspect it without costing the Town too much. Commissioner Phillips did not want to be involved with using sprinklers.

Public comment

Commissioners discussed the process of how information is dispersed between the Commissioners as Commissioner deBettencourt did not feel that he had been informed of some of the decisions made involving the Park Department.

Ms Barmakian asked about the Waban/Alley Park irrigation system as she felt that only Commissioner Phillips seem to know anything about it.

Commissioner Phillips replied that it was part of Park Department operations.

Meeting adjourned.

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Next meeting October 18, 2010