

**January 23, 2017**

**Members present: Amy Billings and Richard Combra JR**

**Others Present: Holly Alaimo, Renee Balter, Jennifer Passafiume, Kathy Cowley and Nicole Morey**

**Previous minutes approved: September 26, October 24 and November 7, 2016**

Special Event Permit Applications

- Oak Bluffs Open Market 2017; Washington Park – Sundays, May/June/Sept/Oct from 10 AM to 2PM and July/August from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Commissioner Amy Billings said that Kathy Cowley has offered to increase payment to \$7 per vendor. She asked David Grunden of Grunden Pottery if it matters that there only 5-6 vendor or if they should be there before Memorial Day.

David said that they did well in May as well June. He added that July was off but they did very well in August and the fall months were steady.

**Motion: To approve Oak Bluffs Open Market application with \$7 per vendor. By: Commissioner Combra. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Midsummer Faerie Festival; Washington Park – Saturday, June 17, 2017

Kathy Cowley said that OBA asked her to use part of Washington Park but they have not asked the Park Commissioners. She said the OBA is hoping to use the backside of park for the climbing tower, etc. She also asked about food trucks.

Commissioner Richie Combra replied that he would rather not see food trucks competing with in-town restaurants.

Renee Balter (OBA) said that the OBA encourages their members to participate in the Harbor Festival with any kind of food but many times the cost, the restrictions and application process is very difficult so it is usually people already with a restaurant that participate. She added that they are not reaching out to food trucks to come in from other places although they would love more food.

**Motion: To approve Midsummer Faerie Festival in Washington Park on June 17, 2017 from 9 AM to 6 PM. By: Commissioner Combra. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Martha's Vineyard Wind Festival; Ocean Park – Saturday, September 9, 2017 (rain date September 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Motion: To approve Martha's Vineyard Wind Festival in Ocean Park on September 9, 2017 (rain date September 10<sup>th</sup>). By: Commissioner Combra. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously.**

Amy suggested having someone playing music in the Bandstand during the event.

Holly Alaimo said that she would look into it. She added that Marc Rivers said that he would look at putting in permanent markers for tents.

Friends of Oak Bluffs (FOOB)

Renee Balter said she is always thinking of ways FOOB can help with beautification around Town and how she dislikes the split rail fence around the parks. She understands that they are there is keep people from driving into the parks so if there was curbing that would suffice. She said that FOOB would be willing to look into helping to get money for curbing. She continued that FOOB would apply for CPA money and match it.

Amy replied that the Park Commission has completed the Needs Assessment so they have their ten parks with plans. She continued that they have applied to use CPA funds for Pennacook Park.

Renee said that they should look into getting recycled curbing.

Amy said that they need to get the neighbors involved with process of deciding what is to be done and she stressed that is not going to be just a curbing plan.

Renee mentioned the wastewater utility boxes and the Town said that they would remediate them so when parks are re-done they should remember that.

Special Event Permit Applications

- UPDATE Vineyard Triathlon; Waban/Alley Park – September 10, 2017

Jennifer Passafiume wanted to know if she could send out the abutters notice earlier than 60 days.

Both Commissioners agreed that she could send them out now.

Amy was concerned about the police details not showing up. She said that they will speak with the Police Chief and express their disappointment of the lack of details.

Jennifer replied that she was informed the night before the event that they couldn't get anyone to fill the details. She will try contacting all Police Departments as well as the State Police and Sheriff's Department earlier this year.

Amy asked that she come back in the spring for another update.

Hartford Park tree

Richie said that they could plant another live tree of the same species and put another plaque stating the tree was replaced.

Amy suggested contacting Ann Cummings and other interested parties about his suggestion. She would also reach out to Skip Finley.

Ocean Park Bandstand application

Commissioners approved new application.

Comments

Commissioners discussed if they should send out a letter to the direct abutters of Pennacook Park to let them know they are applying for CPA funds; it would get them out to vote and get them involved with what the plan is going to be. Amy added that if the abutters want grass there that they will have to help water as there will probably not be irrigation.

Discussion of replacement of tree that was removed from Ocean Park and that Crossland Landscape doesn't want something planted again. It was suggested that they be allowed to put a bench with a plaque there instead.

Amy expressed her concerns about the bus stops in outer Ocean Park and by Sunset Lake.

Richie said that he would contact Angie at VTA about the issue and suggest benches and hard service to fix the ruts.

Amy added that they will need to do a plaque for Niantic Park.

The next Park Commission meeting is on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Robert E Rose Town garage office, 347 County Road, Oak Bluffs, MA.