

**Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes
February 3, 2020**

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**Members present: Amy Billings, Richard Combra Jr and Antone Lima.
Previous Minutes approved: January 6, 2020**

Special Event Permit Applications

- Guck & Cotterill pre-wedding softball game; Veira Park – Friday, May 1, 2020 at noon

Commissioner advised that Little League begins their practice at 3:30 and the applicant said that they would be done before then the wedding rehearsal is at 4:30 PM.

Motion: To approval the Guck-Cotterill pre-wedding softball at Veira Park on Friday, May 1, 2020 and waive the fee. By: Commissioner Lima. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- Oak Bluffs Open Market; Washington Park – Sundays; May, June, Sept & Oct from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM and July & August from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.
- Midsummer Faerie Festival; Washington Park – Saturday, June 20, 2020 (rain date June 21)

David Grunden attended the meeting as a representative for the Open Market. He makes sure that vendors do not enter the park until half an hour before the market opens on the hour.

Motion: To approve both the Open Market & Midsummer Faerie Festival for 2020 at the same rate of \$7/table. By: Commissioner Lima. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

Chairman Amy Billings advised that Kathleen Cowley mentioned that the Extraordinary Rendition Band may come to Midsummer Faerie Festival and to keep the Commissioners posted.

She asked Commissioner Lima if he had any questions for David regarding Sunset Lake.

Tony replied that it is beyond the scope of their project.

David said that Conservation Agent Liz Durkee asked him about the culvert between Sunset Lake and the Harbor which has been periodically cleaned out but there are culverts that run back under Greenleaf Ave and School St but he did not know the condition that they were in.

- HBCU Round Robin Tennis Tournament; Niantic Park – Monday, July 27, 2020 (rain date July 28)

Amy said that the Recreation Director doesn't have a problem with the event as it is from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon and he would have to calculate the cost.

She said to advise the applicant to submit the \$200 non-refundable deposit in order to hold the date. She would like a list of event planners as she would rather have the people attending the event to apply, not the planner who is making money on the event.

Motion: To preliminary approval the HBCU Round Robin Tennis Tournament at Niantic Park on Monday, July 27, 2020 contingent on receiving the \$200 non-refundable deposit. By: Commissioner Lima. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

Commissioners discussed the Morehouse Alumni event at Jetty Beach in 2019 and that the planner has applied to use Niantic Park for the same type of event this year and will be on the March 2nd agenda.

Amy explained that Kathy Cowley is trying to get someone to play in the Bandstand on Sunday evenings when the Vineyard Haven Band is playing. She would like an application to be submitted once Kathy confirms which band(s) would be playing.

Tony said he only had one complaint which was for the loud world music event in July.

Old Business

East Chop lighthouse

Amy asked if anything had been heard about the East Chop Lighthouse; she would an update for the next meeting.

CPA

Vineyard Ave Extension stairs

Commissioners were advised that the bottom of the stairs were repaired.

Comments

Amy advised that the Ocean Park lights are still not on when everything else is still on in the morning.

Richard Seelig said that he wrote the Conservation Agent about the material that is still on the beach from the bridge project about six years ago. He said that a lot of it is got taken away but a lot of it is still there even though either the Selectmen or the Town Administrator said it was removed but it is not. He would like to get it removed and replaced with better quality sand from Sengekontacket.

Amy asked if he was looking to go beyond where we are using it for handicap accessibility and digging out the sand by the lifeguard stand.

Richard Seelig replied no, only at the entrance at the top.

There was a discussion on where the sand would come from as the Sengekontacket sand is for the North Bluffs project but there may have a truck load available at the end of the project or the sand removed from the Little Bridge inlet but is nothing but rocks.

Commissioner Richard Combra Jr arrived at 2:20 PM.

Amy said that the Town may be able to improve it but not remove it.

Commissioners discussed the ledge and what is allowed to be done on the beach.

Richard Seelig asked if they were planning to take anything out on the Inkwell section.

Commissioner Combra said they are hoping to get some sand at the end of the North Bluffs project and putting it on top of what is already there. He also advised that they could not remove material and put it at the cemetery as that area has been replanted.

Tony said that you could apply for various grants but that is a \$3 million project as once you address that one section, you are going to have to do a lot more. He explained about FANS project and their CPA funds.

Richard Seelig asked if CPA funds could be used.

Amy answered no because that is maintenance not a restoration. He was advised that there are other grants available.

Richard Seelig said that he is concerned about the visual aspect of the beach.

Commissioners looked at photos of the beach and discussed what areas can be graded in the spring as they want to wait after any winter storms to see what the condition of the beach will be in.

Amy advised that the Sunset Lake project is in front of Planning Board next week to answer their questions.

Meeting adjourned.