

March 15, 2021

Members present: Amy Billings, Richard Combra Jr and Antone Lima.

Minutes approved: January 11 & February 18, 2021

Special Events applications

- Miller-Mullens wedding: East Chop Lighthouse OR Ocean Park Bandstand – Saturday, July 31, 2021

Applicant did not attend meeting so no action was taken on their application

- MV Mini Marathon & Half-Marathon; Waban Park – Saturday, May 22, 2021

Applicant Robert Rippondi stated that the event cannot occur until Massachusetts moves into Phase IV, Step 2 of the Covid-19 guidelines.

Commissioner Richie Combra said that they could approve the application for once the State allows it.

Chair Amy Billings said that he needs Police, Fire and Selectmen to approval it. She advised that the Selectmen would probably like to see the event occur in the fall.

Motion: To give preliminary approval to the MV Mini Marathon & Half-Marathon in order for the applicant to begin getting other department approvals. By: Commissioner Richard Combra. Second: Commissioner Antone Lima. Motion passed 3-0.

- Crimson Tide Beach Party; Town Beach – Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Applicant Cicily Shaw said that would be members of the Delta Sigma Theta Inc organization having a day at the beach. She added that there would be no sales of food or beverages.

Amy asked her if she was aware that due to Covid-19 regulations the event cannot take place until Phase IV, Step 2.

Applicant replied that she was aware of the Covid-19 regulations.

Richie asked how many people they were expecting.

Jocelyn C Walton said that there were less than 100 people in 2019.

Commissioner Tony Lima has concerns about the tent as they have requested a 19'x20' tent which would need Building Department approval. He would rather see the 10'x10' pop-up tents as he didn't want a tent company trying to set up and take down a tent on the beach.

Amy suggested people bring their own food especially as they might not know if they can have the event due to Covid-19. She said that they will need approval from the Board of Health and a police detail for traffic. She added that they must remove their trash and not place the trash in Town barrels.

Motion: To give preliminary approval to the Crimson Tide Beach Party at Town Beach on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 contingent on them using 10'x10' tents and contacting OBPD for a detail for traffic. By: Commissioner Richard Combra. Second: Commissioner Antone Lima. Motion passed 3-0.

OBPD Sergeant Mike Marchand said that the use of two spaces to create drop-off & pick-up zone worked well for both the beach going public but the motoring public as well.

- pINKWELL Beach Party; Town Beach – Thursday, August 19, 2021

Applicant Elizabeth Clark said that the OBPD details worked very well in 2019 as it allowed many of the members to attend the event. She continued that they use 10'x10' tents and they give out pink trash bags to everyone and contract someone to collect them.

Amy reminded her that the State needs to be in Phase IV, Step 2 before they can have the vent and that they will need Selectmen approval for amplified music and the police detail.

Tony requested that the generators be moved away from the lifeguard stands.

Motion: To give preliminary approval to the pINKWELL Beach Party at Town Beach on Thursday, August 19, 2021 contingent on them getting approval from the BoS for amplified music and OBPD detail. By: Commissioner Richard Combra. Second: Commissioner Antone Lima. Motion passed 3-0.

- MV Boat to Basket; Niantic Park – Saturday, August 28, 2021

Kevin Lewis attended in lieu of applicant Michael Daniel; he advised that they are aware of the State guidelines..

Motion: To give preliminary approval to MV Boat to Basket at Niantic Park on Saturday, August 28, 2021. By: Commissioner Richard Combra. Second: Commissioner Antone Lima. Motion passed 3-0.

- Cannes Can: Diversity Collective (CC:DC) at Inkwell Beach; Waban/Alley Park – Tuesday, August 10 to Thursday, August 12, 2021 (rain dates August 24-26)

Adrienne Smith explained that it would be a three-day festival of panel discussions on creativity, inclusion and diversity modeled on a previous Cannes Can Inkwell event and focusing on under-representative communities. They named it Inkwell as that is a source of inspiration and creativity. They could not go in 2020 so they wanted to bring it to Martha's Vineyard in 2021. There would be hour long panels beginning at 10 AM and last session at 4 PM; four speakers and one moderator (all socially distanced) with everyone being masked. They also would like other tents surrounding the audience area for agencies to engage further discussions of the creative space and recruitment of new innovative creative talent.

Laura Mignott added that it was all about creativity in art, music, fashion and film from those just starting out to more established who reflective different aspects of diversity and develop more creative spaces for people of color.

Amy said that it sounds like a large event but the application says only 50 people.

Adrienne responded that people would be rotated in and out of each discussion.

Amy would like to a map of how they plan to set-up the tents, the stage, etc as Waban/Alley Park is very large. She added that they also have food which needs Board of Health approval and beer/wine which they would need to go to the Select Board for approval.

Laura replied that the stage would be under a 10x10 tent with speakers socially distanced and there would be screens under other tents for those speakers using Zoom to attend. She said that they want to be good neighbors and would be open to modifications.

Adrienne said that they are planning on doing a site visit and they would like to leave the set-up overnight in the park.

Amy said she does not have an issue with permitting a three day event but she is not too keen about August as it is so busy but has concerns on how they can do a speaker event with all the traffic and other noises. She advised that they should get on a Select Board's agenda to discuss amplification, beer/wine, etc and she is willing to hold the dates.

Richie suggested that they work on the map, etc and attend the next meeting on April 5th to get preliminary approval. And in mean time hold the dates.

Adrienne said that they would like to come to Oak Bluffs to do a site visit in the next couple weeks and would like to meet with someone on site. Amy said that one of the Commissioners would meet with them.

Ann Smith of 1 Nashawena Ave asked that speakers to face the beach and if they are going to have music that it not be played for hours.

- Catching Royal Vibes Beach Party; Town Beach – Monday, August 16, 2021

Applicant Karin Wall said that it was a day at the beach and the times on the application include clean-up time at the end. Attendees have been advised that there is no amplified music, no selling of any products and no tent larger than 10x10.

Amy said that as it is an organized event, it cannot happen until Phase IV, Step 2 of Covid-19 regulations.

OBPD Sergeant Mike Marchand reminded the applicant that at a minimum of two weeks prior to the event, to have a site visit and go over expectations and any special requests they may have so everyone is on the same page. He understands that it is three events on the same week and in a short period of time but they will be fully staffed at that time.

Amy had some concerns as it is already busy in August and there are already two other similar events scheduled for that week.

Richie did not have any issues as they were all good quality organizations.

Motion: To give preliminary approval to the Catching Royal Vibes Beach Party at Town Beach on Monday, August 16, 2021 contingent on meeting with OBPD for a safety plan. By: Commissioner Richard Combra. Second: Commissioner Antone Lima. Motion passed 3-0.

Tony said that eventually we might get to the point with too many events asking for the same time frame but for the beach, a 100 people here or there is not all that much especially if they are going to there anyway. He feels that this way they can hold someone accountable for cleaning up, etc

Ann Smith commented as an abutter to Waban/Alley Park and does not have any issues with any of the events; she does have the question of how many is enough especially with Illumination and Fireworks parking. She feels it has gone beyond just the one week to the entire month of events which she has no issues with but as an one of the few year-round residents, she knows that parking is going to be a mess.

Amy said that she does not think there will be any fireworks this year. She added that in the fall, they should have a meeting requesting feedback if all events happen.

Old Business

Ocean Park tree

Amy advised that there is no news yet.

Comments

Summer season

Amy said that someone would to support the basketball program by donating money to pay for children to attend the Town basketball camp.

Recreation Director Marc Rivers said that he has received three lifeguard applications and plans to have basketball available this summer.

Skate Park

Amy advised that there is a male minor who has caused some issues at the MV Skate Park and OBPD are involved.

Sunset Lake CPA project

Tony advised that they are still waiting for the Town Administrator. He would like to meet Richie on site to discuss benches.

Meeting adjourned.