

**Oak Bluffs Park Commissioners Minutes  
June 3, 2019**

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**Members present: Amy Billings and Antone Lima**

Special Event Permit Applications

- Morehouse College Alumni Clambake; Jetty Beach – Friday, August 9, 2019 (continued from May 20<sup>th</sup>)

Amy Fischer advised provided the following information:

1. Dotty's Potty agreed to drop off & pick up on the same day
2. Bruno's will drop off trash containers with locks between 1-3 PM and pick them up by 11 AM on Saturday
3. Dawn at ECBC advised that they have no events that day and both ECBC and EYCYC have given the caterer permission to drive in as far as possible to drop off tables, etc

**Motion: To approve Morehouse College Alumni Clambake on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. By: Member Lima. Second: Chair Billings. Motion passed unanimously 2-0**

Commissioners advised that the potties may need leveling.

- African-American Book Fair; Hartford Park – Monday, August 5 thru Saturday, August 10, 2019

Commissioners felt that they needed more information regarding the event; is it for a non-profit organization, does it need to be for some many days and that length of time each day in the park. They suggested that he join the African-American Festival already permitted to use Hartford Park in July.

If they cannot get the requested information by the next meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, then the application is denied.

New Business  
Application & fees

Chairman Amy Billings said that she would like applications for events to be received 90 days in case they need to send out abutters notices (60 days) and send payment is due 30 days prior to the event.

She also mentioned that the amount of money that Tisbury will receive for the Beach Road concert is way more than what Oak Bluffs charges for Waban Park. Should we charging her more now that there is a beer garden?

Commissioner Tony Lima agreed that the park fees should be more and the application states "minimum" fee schedule.

Amy said that we have been flexible with charging ½ day but each event is different.

They were advised that the MV Museum charges \$300/hour for groups of 10 or fewer and \$400/hour for larger groups at lighthouses.

Amy felt that the Bandstand should go up to \$500 as they often waive the fee or discount the fee for Island residents.

Amy feels that there may be a need for a mandatory half-day for after the event for removal of items from parks.

Benches

Commissioners agreed to remove benches that are old and missing slats from Ocean Park. They discussed power washing the benches. Amy said that FOOB are looking for a new style bench that is more resilient to the weather.

Comments  
13 Spruce Avenue

A woman across the street had been told that she cannot use walkway between #13 Spruce Avenue and #15 Spruce Avenue.

Commissioners reviewed the map and felt that a letter should be sent to #13, #15 and #17 Spruce Avenue advising that the area between houses is Park property and people are allowed to use it.

Amy would like a letter sent to the Selectmen and Roads & Byways Committee regarding the spit rail fence at 37 Ocean Avenue as it is in the road layout and shrubs have grown so there is no need for the fence.

List of items to purchase

1. Loam for Niantic Park – wait until fall
2. AED units for Niantic Park & Lifeguards
3. CPR training for Niantic Park employees
4. Two tires for beach wheelchair
5. No Dogs in Park signs
6. Drop Off/Pick Up Only signs for beach
7. Pedestrian crossing placard for Sea View Ave & Tuckernuck intersection
8. Re-do bathroom walls with plastic washable panels

Recreation Director Marc Rivers advised that everyone is looking for lifeguards but he should have four this summer. He still would like to get a jet-ski and will apply for the program next spring. He continued that the basketball program is all set with Randy Fautuex in the Head Basketball position. They will begin pickleball when there is someone to be in the office which should be after June 18<sup>th</sup>. He tries to keep one tennis court open but he said that the courts are cracking and extending. He added that the courts will need to be redone in the next ten years.

Amy wanted to know what other Town committee the Parks Commissioners sit on.

Tony advised that he has stamped plans for Sunset Lake Park and he is waiting bid material. He spoke with Tom Chase of Nature Conservancy who may have some native plants.

Meeting adjourned.