

July 1, 2019

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

Special Event Permit Applications

- Lights of Liberty; Ocean Park –Friday, July 12, 2019

Chairman Amy Billings that these type of events do need permits from the Parks Commission if they are doing it on Ocean Park. It is an awareness event for children detained at the border with Mexico.

Kathy Laskowski arrived and she had spoken with the applicant who wanted to do a vigil in Ocean Park but as there already is one happening in Edgartown that it doesn't make sense to have two. She wanted clarity on what the process would be if they wanted to do one in Oak Bluffs.

Amy answered that the Commission does not usually allow such events in Ocean Park. She continued that a permit is required for any event that they expect crowds of people; people speak with the Police Chief who suggests a location and then see the Parks Commission.

There was a discussion regarding the right to gather as long as there is no amplified sound and access is not impeded.

Commissioners would like a permit for scheduling purposes as they don't want events to conflict.

Comments

Kathy asked about the "drop off/pick up" signs and if they could be moved to the other side of the ramp.

Amy replied that they only for certain hours of the day (9 am to 5 pm) for the beach.

Kathy added that bikers are stopping at Tuckernuck Ave looking for the bike path and wanted to know if a sign or something painted on road would help.

Amy said that the VH Band want to do Monday nights concerts if they get rained out on Sunday. The Dunkls told her that there are broken spots on the bench so they repaired it. They also said that there is a bad leak near the electrical panel.

Buntings will come down off the Bandstand after July 4th.

Craig Dailey of the Dukes County Sheriff's Department presented an idea to hold a Caribbean breakfast/lunch/dinner gathering with music on the last weekend in June 2020 in Waban Park that would go from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Commissioners explained the about the various boards that he will need approval from for his proposed event. They suggested that he observe the beer festival on September 21st, 2019. He was advised to start with the Board of Health to find out what would be required to serve food on the park.

Commissioner Combra left the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Craig plans to fund the first year himself but would consider partners in 2021.

Commissioners advised that parking would not be allowed on the park for the event; only for food servers and DJ if needed. And that he needs to do more research on holding an event in a public park.

Commissioner Lima mentioned that the wire railing near the fishing pier needs tightening.

Amy advised that area around the East Chop lighthouse would be closed while they are working on it in the fall.

Meeting adjourned.