

August 29, 2016

Members present: Amy Billings and Richard Combra JR

Special Event Permit Applications

- UPDATE Vineyard Triathlon – Waban/Alley Park – September 10-11, 2016

Commissioners advised the applicant that if she is not serving any food that she does not need the BoH agent to sign off on the application. She will bring the application to office on Tuesday so the Town has a copy of it.

- Winiecki Family Clambake – Inkwell beach – Saturday, September 24, 2016

Commissioners were advised that it is being catered by Bill Smith Clambakes and is for 14 people.

Motion: To approve the Winiecki Family Clambake on Inkwell Beach on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 4:40 PM to 7:30 PM. By: Commissioner Combra. Second: Commissioner Billings. Motion passed unanimously.

CPA Inventory & Assessment Phase 2

Commissioner Amy Billings explained that Phase 2 is to assist the Park Commission develop a plan for the parks in Oak Bluffs. She said that there is no water for irrigation and no funding is in place to do any of the work so it was decided to focus on the Copeland Parks as they may be able to use CPA funds under “Historic” restoration.

Craig Pereira of Horsley-Witten advised that notices were sent out and conceptual plans were developed for ten parks which are all on the Town website. Kristin Pereira of Bradford Associates would give an explanation of what has been developed for each park based on the feedback received. Craig said that this meeting was to go over parks where there may be some encroachment from abutters.

Nashawena Park

Kristin said that there are some diseased black oaks and suggests some under-plantings that would be native, drought and wind resistant. She said in the section closest to Waban Park there would be benches so people could look out toward the water.

People liked that walkway at the top section but did not feel it was necessary for the lower sections as there is a sidewalk already along road to Waban Park. Sam Barnes thought that the one way signs were confusing.

Naushon Park

Kristin said that again there were some diseased black oaks where under-plantings could be grown. She said in the section closest to Waban Park, the invasive plants along the street would be removed in order to let the native plants grow.

The abutters would like the path through that section to be closer to the road in order for them maintain their privacy.

Waban Park

Kristin said that nothing much was planned for Waban Park except removal of more diseased black oaks and a path way along the Tuckernuck side of the park with a few benches and or picnic tables under the remaining trees.

People thought that the pathway along Tuckernuck was a good idea as it would get pedestrians off the road when walking to the beach.

Mark Street thought doggy poop bag dispensers at each end of the park would be a good idea.

Washington Park

Kristin said that there will be no more trees added to the southern section and that the invasive plants would be removed from the northern section. Abutter was assured that no fence would be going up along the property line.

People were concerned about walkers along East Chop Drive and perhaps a path way from Plymouth Avenue to New York Avenue inside the park would help get them off the street. It would need some low lighting for night time. They insisted that no new trees be planted along East Chop Drive but low shrubs would be okay.

Comments

Niantic Park

Amy said that a few trees are needed and are still in the plan but they also need to have the water to establish them. She continued that they were approved for an irrigation system but they cannot afford it now. She thought that Crossland Landscape was going to donate it but then he sent her a quote for \$18,000.

It was agreed that there should be NO DOGS allowed in Niantic Park and to order signs.

MV Craft Beer Festival

Commissioners confirmed that they did not allow the Craft Beer Festival to expand the hours of the event and it is still ending at 5 PM. Amy said that the Town is trying to encourage off-season events and that no parking would be allowed in Sunset Lake Park. She explained that they are trying to get people to use public transportation, taxis or walk in from Town. Abutters expressed their concerns that the organizer has not reached out to them.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM.

The next Park Commission meeting is on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall lower level meeting, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs, MA.