

May 3, 2021

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

Special Events applications

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

Commissioner Amy Billings said that they are unable to approved events at the East Chop Lighthouse until USCG have completed their testing of the area. She said that there are liability issues for the Town.

Elizabeth Mullens said that there will be no food or children, just chairs and the ceremony.

It was agreed to follow-up in June.

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

Adrienne Smith was unable to attend but Laura Mignott advised that they just received the design for the park area with the tents and pottys marked on the plan. She said that they still plan on serving alcohol.

Amy requested that they send in the plan.

- Urban Farming Beach BBQ; Waban/Alley Park – Saturday, August 14 (rain date August 15)

Sean Porter explained that he had done the event a few years ago. He said it was just food and music with a demographic of 40 years and older.

He was advised to get that he will need approval from the following departments:

Amplified music – Board of Selectmen
Food – Board of Health
Any tent bigger than 10’x10’ – Building Department
Detail - OBPD

He was also advised to send out a letter to the abutters and his event will be on the next agenda.

- Fast Break to the Bluffs; Niantic Park – Saturday, June 5, 2021 (rain date June 26)

It will be a basketball showcase celebrating 50 years of basketball at Niantic park and sign-up for the summer basketball program.

Motion: To approval Fast Break to the Bluffs in Niantic Park for Saturday, June 5 with a rain date of June 26, 2021. By: Commissioner Antone Lima. Second: Commissioner Richard Combra. Motion passed 3-0.

- Pratt wedding; Ocean Park Bandstand – Sunday, May 9, 2021

Motion: To approval the Pratt wedding for Sunday, May 9, 2021 in the Ocean Park Bandstand. By: Commissioner Antone Lima. Second: Commissioner Richard Combra. Motion passed 3-0

Amy said that should any events be cancelled this year due to Covid-19 that the deposits will be returned. She would also like to have a joint meeting with BoS and OBPD to discuss August events.

New Business

Summer programs

Recreation Director Marc Rivers and Commissioners discussed whether or not masks might still be required and will wait to see what the Governor decides before posting any information regarding the summer programs.

Comments

Veronica Buckley would like to have a spring clean-up at Niantic Park. She said that there is still money from the renovation fund raising that they would like to use for plantings. She also said that there is graffiti on some of the structures and was unsure on how to get it removed. The handicap swing needs straps need to be replaced.

Marc said that he would contact Leathers about what to use to remove the graffiti. It was suggested that paint thinner might work on the paint pen used.

Amy advised that there is new management at the OB Water District and they would be willing to expand the irrigation at Niantic Park. She will ask Crossland what the cost would be.

They discussed adding security cameras and additional lighting in dark areas.

Food trucks

Kathleen Cowley asked about having food trucks at the Open Market as she felt that there was no difference between having a stall versus a truck. She said that 60-70% of people attending the market will stay in Town and spend money plus it was for only for four hours.

Commissioner Combra said that he was not in favor of food trucks plus he thought that there was a BoS regulation that does not allow them in Oak Bluffs.

Commissioner Lima said he would like her to check with the OBA and if they have any objections.

Amy also advised talking the BoS and OBA.

Naushon Park

Commissioners discussed the large hole in the middle of where residents access their homes. A letter will be sent to the three homes situated there so the issue can be discussed as they are parking on a Town park.

Washington & Fitchburg Parks

There was a request from an abutter to clean-up within the more forested area of Washington Park and to clear the fallen trees in Fitchburg Park.

Ocean Park music update

The Vineyard Haven Band will play in the bandstand on July 11 & 25 and August 8 & 22.

Meeting adjourned.