

OOB Ballpark Commission - Meeting Notes

Meeting of the Ballpark Commission at 7PM on September 12 2011 at the Ballpark

The following members of the Ballpark Commission were present:

Lucien Huot

Mark Gustin

Michael Bouffard

Paul Crossman

Sheila Flathers

Alternate Robin Dube

Absent

Allan Graves

Dana Furtado

Minutes from August 10 were accepted 5-0

SKATE PARK Jason Weber presented an update on the skate park. They have \$45,000 and are looking for a conservation Grant to come in December. This will be a 2 to 3 phase project. The 1st phase will be a bowl. The park will eventually include rollerblading and bike tracks. The location is on the right as you enter the curve driving into the BP. The fence would need to be moved to enclose the ballpark from the skateboard park. There were some concerns about drainage but those will be resolved. They hope to break ground this winter. They had worked a deal with someone to cut the necessary trees for the wood. The ballpark commission unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote to allow the skateboard committee to proceed with plans to erect a skate park on a desired plot pending final drawings and the selected site deemed an acceptable location by the committee, contractors, and builders. If another location is deemed more acceptable the ballpark commission will work with the skateboard committee to select another suitable location.

Community Garden The Ballpark commission unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote to continue the community garden at the ballpark property indefinitely pending approval by the town council. The Ballpark commission may at any time revisit this decision for further discussion if circumstances deem necessary.

General Managers Update Sheila said that it looks like we have about \$7,000-\$8,000 available but the does not included a donation coming from OOB365 for the BBQ or American Legion Games and it does not include the retainer we have from the Raging Tides. This amount also does not include any of the Town's \$25000 (that status is separate). Jen would like to set up workshops for Sept-Dec to address such issues as budgets, projects, goal setting, mission statement, comprehensive plan (involve new town planner) etc. Bob Ring has been involved and all agreed he is a HUGE assets to the Ballpark.

Jen is looking at teams and events to secure for the future and is making contacts and inroads to other money making possibilities. Jen is also researching policies and procedures for other teams and groups

For the American Legion we will also do the state tournament next year.

Jen is going to work on getting policies for concerts. She will also meet with the Salvation Army to make sure we don't have conflicting dates for events.

Jen also brought up the possibility of getting some clubhouse sports minded tenants to offset operating costs and perhaps share resources. She would like to see the Ballpark become the HUB of activities. This would not only help with expenses but also keep the Ballpark in the news and in minds of the right folks for future activities.

We discussed that we would have to heat the whole building. Jen has a cost to set up for that which would be under \$4000 but she said Paul could get it for less. Several concerns came up that would need to be researched. There would be code issues with tenants but we could look at monthly donations instead of rent. What about insurance. Jen is going to check with Mike Nugent on issues that we would need to consider.

Mike Bouffard mentioned fryolators and a grill that he had donated....Jen is going to check and see if we can locate those as well as a dishwasher for the concession stand.

We are looking at a volunteer appreciation gathering on October 23rd...details will be firmed up at our October 10th meeting. We would also like to look at how to rebuild our volunteer base and maybe re-establish the Saturday morning volunteers. We would need specific tasks and materials available.

Tommy... mentioned Brian Payea would take care of turning the field water off and blowing out the system for the outside. Mike Bouffard will contact his guy about handing the inside buildings.

Commission Update

Mark Gustin.... Garvin Construction will provide a banner we will be putting up for their donating \$5000 worth of material. Also the scoreboard will be taken down the end of October and be stored in the clubhouse.. No charge

Sheila mentioned that we did get charged for the pest control and that going forward we need POs on all projects.

Good and Welfare