

MINUTES OF BALLPARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were: Chairman Jerome Plante, Vice Chairman Robin Dube, Pat Carter and Guy Fontaine. Bob Rings was present via speaker phone. Also present was Tom LaChance, Fields Manager.

Pat Carter made a motion to meet as a committee in whole. The motion was seconded and it passed.

It was agreed to defer the acceptance of the minutes of the last two meetings.

Deb Kulacz's letter of resignation was read by Chairman Plante and accepted with regrets. Deb is moving to Florida in the near future.

Robin reported on a company called Video Creations. They would bring to the Ballpark their equipment to show movies. The cost for one time would be \$295. The price goes down the more dates we use them. Everyone had questions regarding this and a representative of the Company will be invited to a future meeting so we can gather more information.

Jerome reported that progress had been made on the highway signs and John Gallo, attending the meeting as owner of Raging Tide reported that the Ballpark location has been updated on Google Maps.

Lou presented to the Commission a quote for a new website for \$1875.00. This was discussed and agreed for him to proceed with gathering quotes and information so we can proceed with a new website which is essential for getting information out to the public.

It was reported that Chris Hall has contributed \$5000 to be used for ballpark improvements. The Finance Director of the Town needs to request the Town Council to approve the transfer of these funds to the proper line item in the Ballpark Account.

Budget needs to be presented to Council by Monday. On Saturday, Tommy, Jerome and Guy will be meeting and working on this so it is ready for Monday.

NAIA is a organization that requested information on using the field for baseball games. Upon further investigation these teams would be coming from Ohio thru the Midwest. Discussions will be taking place with the group and seeing if New England teams would have an interest in 2014 in utilizing our facilities.

Assignments were handed to the members to get quotes, check on electricity costs and other items to report back at our next meeting.

A representative from the POW/MIA requested a possible game in August between the American Legion and the Raging Tide with a possible hot dog eating contest or something to attract spectators. This is being looked into and discussed at a future meeting.

With the \$5000 Chris Hall donated Tommy reported what improvements he hoped to

accomplish with the monies. If costs stay in line seven items on the Raging Tide list of improvements to the Ballpark could be done. This will be undertaken to make the park a safer place for spectators and players.

John Gallo reported about a scheduled game involving the Camden Junior High School which will occur during the Raging Tides occupancy of the Park and will happen under their direction.

Jim, representative of the softball league that plays at the park every year reported he had a partial schedule now and would have the full schedule shortly. He will be in touch with Tommy and Dana and get a copy to all of the members when it is done. No concession stand is needed for this.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 11th with a Workshop on April 25th. Working at the ballpark doing cleanup and other activities for which we need volunteers was discussed. Requests for volunteers should be placed on Channel 3 and on our website were some of the suggestions.

Since we had no quorum no formal votes were taken on the above reported actions. Everyone was in agreement that we need to move forward on getting the ballpark ready and the above decisions were made with that in mind,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Carter, Acting Secretary