

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, June 17, 2009

Members Attending: Andrea Berlin, chair, Linda Jenkins, John Bird, Ginger McMullin

Also present: Jack Sarno, Pat Holland, Randy Sears, Karen Andersen

The drive-in proposal for the ballpark will not happen this year. Facilities are not yet in place to accommodate it.

The anemometer project will have to go to the Planning Board in August to be eligible for grant money in September. Andrea will call Jean LeClerc.

Three estimates for 3 petanque courts in Veterans Memorial Park have been received. Best is \$3,200. Need to raise funds, but would like to get them out this summer. Could work toward a tournament for the end of next summer, and could coordinate this with Chamber of Commerce and ME tourism web sites.

Lots of activity for the park. Annuals planted, lawn and trees fertilized. No pruning yet. Seeding still needs to be done. The park is expensive to maintain, and just can't foresee all the problems and maintenance needs ahead of time. DPW is going to be helping with excavation, etc. Most money needs to be spent in the spring.

Ballpark: L&W conservation grant may be available. Has to be focused on outdoor recreation. Deadline is August. Would not receive money until fall. Possibly could be used for lighting, grandstands, skyboxes and field. A separate \$35,000 grant could be applied for for walking paths. New sod has been placed in the infield. Irrigation system is functional. There will be a fundraiser on June 27 for sod for the outfield.

Red Sox alumni game won't be happening in the ballpark. A few concerts may happen in August. Community garden is being considered. May be able to grow dune grass for restoration projects.

There was no closure report for the town landfill. We need to insure that there is one in place so that the area around the landfill can be used. Ginger will look into this.

There was a brief discussion about a large parcel in Ocean Park that may be considered for development. Discussed walking the property to see if vernal pools are present.

Jack Sarno asked about the Walnut St. issue. CC will follow up with the town that the dune ought to be restored. Ginger will follow up.

CC will pick dates for a few meetings to start natural resources inventory.