

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2018  
The Ballpark Conference Room

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Commissioners Victor Gould Jr, Robin Dayton, Melissa Clark, Bob Rings (via skype). Commissioners Fish and Plante were excused. Ballpark Operations Manager (BOM) Guy Fontaine was excused. Also present were Pam Gallo and Field Manager Jim Doran.

Call to order: Chairman Gallo opened the meeting at 6:32pm.

Old Business:

1. The minutes for the March 26 commission meeting were accepted as were the minutes for the April 9 workshop. Approval was unanimous
2. Operations Manager's Report. BOM Fontaine provided information to Chairman Gallo for presentation.
  - a. The main water is on everywhere. There was a leak in the main line which has been repaired. The hot water will be turned on when Guy returns.
  - b. The Blues Fest band line up has been submitted. The bands and the stage are committed. A preliminary budget was submitted to the commission.
  - c. Baseball has started. The issue with flooded dugouts has been resolved. There was a blockage in the drainage system which was cleared. The Old Orchard Beach High School baseball players cleaned the dugouts. Thank you!
  - d. The L screens will be ordered next week.
3. Field Manager's Report: Per Jim Doran the field is playable. Games have started. The high school team has come and picked weeds and cleaned the dugouts. Jim states we need those L screens as soon as possible as it is a safety issue at this point. A contract has been signed for a company to provide weed control, crab grass control and fertilization treatment for the field. He is unsure when this will happen. The batting cages on the third base side have fallen down. Jim will fix these. All the tractors are running. There is an issue with the right field fence which will need a permanent fix. Due to frost heaves the cement is sticking out of the ground. Jim has pounded it back in. Also will need to work on the fences and gates because the ground moved a bit during the winter. The plexi-glass that was broken has been removed and will need to be replaced.
4. Surge Manager's report: The Surge manager did not attend the meeting. Robin asked if he was invited. She was very upset that the manager was not given a personal invite to our meeting. Our meeting times and dates are listed on the town website for all interested parties. Chairman Gallo asked for a consensus vote on whether the commission should

personally invite the Surge manager each month. Commission Dayton refused to vote because not all commissioners were present. This discussion will be continued.

5. Discussion of Norms: The norms document is posted. There was a norm pending but it was decided it was not needed. No one is opposed to the norms as written.
6. Review and Update of the Action Item Log:
  - a. Item #3 will be split. Part A, creation of the flyer, is complete. Part B, Guy will be adding a picture to the front and a schedule on the back. Then they will need to be printed for the parade and other venues.
  - b. Item #4, the Memorial Day Parade presence: Work is continuing on the banners. They are pretty much ready to go when Guy returns. Robin is also looking for some red, white and blue buntings for the jeeps.
  - c. Item #14, Researching the Charter and Ordinances: Robin has copies of different changes in the ordinance. She and Kris will review and present at the next workshop on 5-14.
  - d. Item #19, Historical Financial Data: This is still pending.
  - e. Items #20 and #21: continued as neither Guy nor Jerome is here tonight.

#### New Business:

1. Subcommittee for the Blues Fest: Commissioner Rings has asked Robin to please identify tenable issues that she has a continuing concern about. This is a sensitive issue between parties. Chairman Gallo asked Robin to list all of the things that were done last year to help Guy so the Commission can determine what a subcommittee may need to do. Robin advised she has notes from last year.
2. It was decided to use a capital T in the word "the" in the name of The Ballpark.
3. The meeting dates for May were approved. The next workshop will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Both will start at 6:30pm at The Ballpark. The meeting will be held a week early due to the Memorial Day holiday on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Clark  
Secretary