

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018
The Ballpark Conference Room

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Commissioners Jerome Plante, Victor Gould Jr and Melissa Clark. Also present was Ballpark Operations Manager Guy Fontaine.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Old Business:

1. Acceptance of Minutes tabled.
2. Operations Manager's Report:

Guy reports the lawn mower is now operational. The field has been fertilized and a grub control agent applied too. We are seeking bids for a new gate, light repairs and to add a new light to the concert area. We may have to direct some funds from the CIP. A golf cart was donated to us by the Old Orchard Beach Campground. It needs a little work but a big thank you for this donation. They also loaned us one to use for the Blues Fest.

The Surge are gone. Guy has released their security deposit as the clubhouse was cleaned out and everything was OK.

Our next large event is the Parkinson's Ride. We will concentrate on selling down our inventory.

Guy is still working on the numbers from the Blues Fest. He will get his spreadsheets in order and present them to us at a future meeting.

The food trucks at the Blues Fest got good reviews. There was a Mexican food truck and a lobster roll/smoothie truck. There was an issue with the lobster roll truck and their representation of what was in their lobster rolls.

We need to know why we are not attracting more people to our events. We needed more sponsors for the Blues Fest. We put 2500 vouchers in packets for the Iron Man contestants and not one of them was redeemed for the concert. We probably should have had a program available along with a schedule of what time the bands were performing. But the people attending had fun and liked it. It seemed attendance was down from last year but Guy will have those numbers available at the 9-10-18 workshop.

3. Field Manager's Report—no report this meeting
4. Blues Festival update—will be presented at the 9-10-18 workshop.
5. Strategic Planning—tabled to a later date
6. Action Item Log:
 - #14 (a) John will create a folder and Robin will post her report.
 - #19 Need to check with Robin about this.
 - #27 (b) The second individual has not shown up to do his work. Guy is working on this.
 - #35 still pending

#36 updated dates

#37 need to speak to Town Manager, Larry Mead about this

#38 to be presented at 9-10-18 workshop

#39 John Gallo to check up on this

#40 Need new people for the commission

#41 Need to gather up Blues signs. If you see any grab them or call Guy.

New Business:

1. The next commission workshop will be on September 10, 2018 and the next meeting will be on September 24, 2018. Both to start at 6:30pm in The Ballpark conference room.
2. Guy presented an item for review. A car auction company would like to rent the parking area for several Saturdays this fall. Guy will get more info and look into this.
3. There were no public comments.
4. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Clark
Secretary