

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2018  
The Ballpark Conference Room

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Commissioners Jerome Plante, Victor Gould Jr, Melissa Clark, Bob Rings, Ballpark Operations Manager Guy Fontaine and Field Manager Jim Doran.

Call to order at 6:35pm.

Old Business:

1. Minutes for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and notes for the June 11<sup>th</sup> workshop were accepted.
2. Operations Manager Update presented by BOP Guy Fontaine:
  - a. Lightning strike last week knocked out the Wi-Fi routers, sound mixers, cabling between booth, street amplifier and modems. Guy and John spent hours fixing everything. There is a temporary cable installed. Thank you Chairman Gallo for donating the cable. Total expense was approximately \$400.
  - b. 2019 supplies of turface and clay have been purchased.
  - c. The Poulin mower is apart for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and in process of getting fixed. Guy has brought his small mower from home to do the lawns, etc.
  - d. Guy will have the year-end financials ready for the next meeting.
  - e. Concerts in the Park will be held on 8-9, 8-16 and 8-23. Motor Booty was cancelled again by the band. We need to have discussions about next year's concerts and keep track of attendance this year.
  - f. The Surge has cancelled all games except two doubleheaders for Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no playoffs here. Guy will discuss cleaning out the clubhouse with them. There was again trouble with their housing and schedules. No reason was given to us. Our website and Facebook have been updated to reflect their changes.
  - g. The private party went great. The owner of the company was very pleased. The employees had a great time. Putting the sprinklers in the outfield on for the kids was awesome (Thank you Jim Doran).
  - h. The Wrestling Rumble in the Park was a huge success. We had triple the people from last year and everyone was very pleased. The concession stand had its biggest day ever.
  - i. We now have Ballpark hats and T-shirts for sale.
  - j. An ATM was installed by the concession stand.
3. Field Manager Report with Jim Doran. Jim reports the field is looking good. It has had less play on it and the recent rain really helped. Things will be slowing down. He will be putting turface on the field tomorrow which should last until the end of this season. We will need more for next spring. Commissioner Dayton suggested we check with others in the area that use turface to see if it is cheaper to buy in bulk with them. Robin wants a commissioner to check out the prices and look into this. Guy reports everyone gets turface from the same distributor and we already get a lower rate. Jim would prefer to turface the field three times each season but he only did it twice this year. The broken plexi glass along the first base line was replaced with a security fence. One of the kids is supposed to come tomorrow to help Jim as part of his community service.

4. Blues Festival Update: Jerome reports sponsors are coming in and reported at each meeting. Jerome reports things are doing well. They are encouraging the Iron Man contestants and their families to use their vouchers to attend.
5. Business strategic Plan—tabled to August 13<sup>th</sup> workshop
6. Action Item Log:
  - #14-Robin handed out the chronological changes. She did a great deal of work on this project and Chairman Gallo said it was perfect. We will be posting hard copies on the google drive.
  - #19-continued
  - #32-ongoing each quarter
  - #33-also an ongoing process
  - #35-updated planned end date to 9-24-18.
7. Google Drive-postponed

New Business:

1. Commissioner Gallo wants to record our meetings so he is better able to set up agendas and verify minutes. He will then delete the recordings. This was approved by the commission.
2. The next commission meeting will be August 27<sup>th</sup> and the next workshop will be August 13<sup>th</sup> both at 6:30 pm in The Ballpark conference room.
3. John will also be adding an item to the agenda that we reserve the right to add/delete or change the order of the agenda items with no extra notice given.
4. There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Clark  
Commission Secretary