

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2018  
Old Orchard Beach High School Library

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Commissioners Kris Fish, Jerome Plante, Victor Gould Jr, Melissa Clark, Bob Rings (via skype), Ballpark Operations Manager (BOM) Guy Fontaine. Commissioner Dayton was excused.

Call to order: Chairman Gallo opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

1. The first item was a statement from Stephen Hanselmann. He attended the meeting to apologize for vandalism done at The Ballpark last year. Mr. Hanselmann apologized for his actions and understands what he did was wrong. He also submitted the following written statement, *"I'd like to take this time to say sorry for what I did to the ballpark. I know how hard the community and all of you worked for the ballpark as well as the time put in. I understand what I did was wrong and part of me trying to fix and make things right is apologizing to everyone here. So once more I'm sorry for defacing the ballpark."* Mr. Hanselmann will be coming back to The Ballpark this spring to clean up the paint and help during a ballgame. The Commission thanked him for coming in to apologize.
2. Acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Ballpark Operations Manager's Report:
  - a. Blues Fest: The bands have been chosen. The headliner will be Room Full of Blues which is a nationally known band. Due to other celebrations in surrounding communities and possible conflicts, our concert date is Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> (which is also the weekend of the Iron Man Competition). Guy needs a commission vote to request a permit from the town for the concert. Commission vote was unanimous 6 – 0.
  - b. BOM Fontaine presented the February 2018 statement of revenues and provided budget projections.
  - c. The Surge have signed their contract and paid their down payment. This contract removed sharing of concession profits and listed additional game costs.
4. Field Manager's Report: The Field Manager was not available.
5. Surge General Manager's report: The Surge GM was not available. He did forward a letter to Commissioner Gallo listing some of the things the Surge is working on.

6. Discussion with Action to review the approved norms. The norms were approved 6-0. It is important to state that the norms can always be added to. Commissioner Fish will type up the final version.
7. Review and update of the Action Item List: Several of the original items on the list have been completed. Those left open are the final copy of the updated norms, the final flyer design, implementation of the Memorial Day Parade presence, researching the charter and ordinances for The Ballpark and a completed commission norms poster.
8. Review of the Annual Budget and CIP requests for 2019. BOM Fontaine presented the Fiscal Year 2019 budget descriptions, justifications and projections. He also presented a summary of Capital Improvement Projects. The major areas are structural repairs, fencing and gate repair replacement, lighting of the field, lawn and parking areas and repairing the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of bathrooms. There is a need to update the 2<sup>nd</sup> concession stand and bathroom if we hope to hold larger events. The bathroom will need fixtures, lighting, urinals and toilets. Monies are being budgeted over the next three fiscal years in the amount of \$190,000 to complete all these projects.
9. Discussion with action concerning increasing the fee for The New England Parkinson's Ride. After discussion it was unanimously voted to increase the fee to \$750 per day (from \$500) for the two day event. This event uses our parking area, clubhouse and restroom facilities.
10. New business Items were noted on the action item list.
11. The one public comment presented at the meeting is described in Item 1.
12. April's workshop meeting will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the next regular meeting will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both to start at 6:30 pm and held at The Ballpark.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Clark  
Secretary