

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission  
Workshop Notes  
November 5, 2018  
Random Classroom at OOBHS

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Commissioners Jerome Plante, Victor Gould Jr, Robin Dayton and Melissa Clark, Ballpark Operations Manager Guy Fontaine and Field Manager Jim Doran. Guests: Alex MacPhail (Friends of The Ballpark), Jason Webber (OOB Rec) and Pat McDonald.

Call to Order at 6:02pm

Old Business:

1. Search for a home team for the 2019 season: John hasn't heard anything from the Futures League. Guy has not heard anything either.

New Business:

1. Discussions with event leaders for 2019 plans
  - a. Jason Webber reported in from the Rec Department. There are plans for 8 concerts next summer on Thursday nights. Memorial Park will host on 7-11, 7-18, 7-25 and 8-1. The Ballpark will host on 8-8, 8-15, 8-22 and 8-29 with Motor Booty being one our concerts. Jason will be booking all the bands at the end of February. There is also a possible fundraiser with the Rec Department in February with Motor Booty. Jason also updated us on Phase II of the skate park construction. They had their final interview with the DEP and are waiting on the results. They will be going before the Planning Board for review and approval. They are looking to move the fence in 10 feet so parking spaces will be entirely off the road. Some parking will be allowed in front and more by the tree line. The skate park will have their own filtration system so nothing will drain into the pond. The entrance will be adjusted for handicap accessibility. Jason will be attending a future workshop to discuss the Iron Man event.
  - b. Alex MacPhail reported from The Friends of The Ballpark. They are reorganizing and expanding their membership base. They will be fundraising and doing some grant writing to help with our capital campaign. They are working on a specific plan to present to the commission.
  - c. Pat McDonald reported on the Rumble in The Ballpark wrestling event. They doubled their participants last year and made money to donate to school wrestling programs. The event will be held on July 20, 2019 during the day. They have rented tents to block the sun and a daytime event will keep the mats dry. There was an issue with the speakers not being heard and Guy has addressed this. His request will be put on the agenda for a vote at our next meeting. We will be co-sponsoring this event with Pat.
  - d. Parkinson's Ride. John reports they are happy to come back. We do need to respond to their issues and need to clarify exactly what is covered in their contract. We need to know each party's responsibilities. We did have a communication issue last summer. Guy and Robin will respond to their email.
2. Suggestion from Robin to offer overflow parking at The Ballpark during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Guy will contact people to see if this is an option for us and also contact the trolley people to see if they can work something out. He will also check and see if we can work something out for concert nights and trolley rides to the beach to see the fireworks.

3. Do we want a Memorial Day presence? The answer appears to be YES! We do need to discuss what we will do and probably include The Friends of The Ballpark.
4. John will be presenting the July 1 to September 30, 2018 Quarterly Report to the OOB Town Council on 11-20-18 at 6pm. If you can attend please show your support.
5. Voting is tomorrow. We will have a table with a donation box and hats/shirts for sale. Need volunteers to sit. Jerome and Victor will be there for most of the morning. Robin from 2 to 4. Melissa and Jim from 4 to 6 and John from 6 to 8. Thank you everyone.
6. Next regular meeting will be on November 26, 2018 at 6pm in the OOB High School Library.

Public Comments: There are no public comments.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Melissa Clark, Secretary