

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission
Workshop Notes
October 9, 2018
Old Orchard Beach Ballpark

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Vice Chair Kris Fish, Jerome Plante, Robin Dayton, Melissa Clark, Ballpark Operations Manager (BOM) Guy Fontaine, Town Manager Larry Mead and concerned citizen Pam Gallo.

The workshop began at 6:04pm.

Old Business: Our Strategic Plan

1. The Ballpark is planning for next season. We will be checking with several teams and leagues. Some suggestions are the NECBL to create a rivalry with Sanford, the River Rats, etc. We always have enough teams wanting to play here but the goal is to have a "home team" of some sort. We also need to sort our costs of everything from salaries to concessions to electricity. Also in discussion is the request to hold weekly auto auctions in a corner of our parking lot. There is much information still to gather about this. The concern is the entity getting all the permits they need, zoning issues/ordinances and possible complaints coming back on the town. Guy will be checking on the ordinances. It is important to remember The Ballpark has nothing to do with this venture but is just leasing space.
2. We need to raise money for capital improvements. We do have some money in our fund but we need more. We need to know if the Friends of The Ballpark group has any ideas. There is some concrete sealing work that needs to be done but it is not a big job and we are having trouble finding a qualified contractor to do it. Guy will be contacting some more people.
3. Larry Mead addressed our concerns about the future of The Ballpark and our goal to try and be self-sustaining. He stated it was unrealistic to expect The Ballpark to pay all its expenses itself. He told us to continue setting up and scheduling things for the future. We need to compare our projections to our actual income/expenses and compare to last year. We need to determine what the difference in income/expenses with a regular tenant for baseball vs. a la carte rentals.
4. Questions about the concerts in the park were asked. The intention is to split them again this summer.
5. BOM Guy Fontaine then reported on several issues. Guy and Roger have been working on fixing the wiring in the parking lot and added 12 new lights. They are also planning to fix the gate by the garage and add some LED flood lights to the grassy knoll. Also some fence replacement and parking lot repairs. Roger is fixing the old tractor. The water will be shut off on November 1st. Robin had questions about the track around the pond and getting it cleaned up. We will look into getting some volunteers to make this happen.

New Business:

1. The next commission meeting will be on October 22nd at The Ballpark. The next workshop will be on November 5, 2018 in the Old Orchard Beach High School cafeteria. Both meetings will start promptly at 6pm.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Workshop adjourned at 7:45pm.

