

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission
Workshop Notes
September 10, 2018
Old Orchard Beach Ballpark

Attendees: Chairman John Gallo, Jerome Plante, Victor Gould Jr, Robin Dayton, Melissa Clark and Ballpark Operations Manager Guy Fontaine. Guests: Pam Gallo, Jason Webber, Ed Werler and John Coombs.

The workshop began at 6:30pm.

Started with New Business tonight:

1. Jason Webber from the Recreation Department delivered information about the 2nd phase of the skate park. He provided diagrams and answered questions. The construction will probably start in late winter and the new section should be opening in the spring of 2020. All development will be within the fenced in area. DEP permits are in process. The storm drainage will sluice off behind the park into the pond so there is no chance it will affect the ball field. There will be more security lighting and cameras. The commission's only concern was parking. As it is now, sometimes the parking creates some safety issues. Jason assured us the parking issue is a major concern with them as well and is being addressed.
2. Ed Werler and John Coombs of Coastal Maine Public Auto Auction presented the commission with their request to rent part of the parking lot at The Ballpark to hold car auctions on Saturdays from April through November. The cars would be brought in on Thursdays and Fridays and removed after the auction. They are in the process of getting their permits from the state. They will need a small office area to use and bathroom facilities. Chairman Gallo and BOM Fontaine will bring the request to Town Manager, Larry Mead and proceed from there. Robin has concerns with what will happen to the field area. She does not want any junkers and wants to make sure the birds and other wildlife are left alone. The commission feels this may be a good idea for The Ballpark.

Old Business:

1. Operations Manager update: Guy provided the commission with a statement of revenues and expenditures through August 31, 2018. He also provided a breakdown of the 2018 Blues Fest expenses and revenue. We needed more sponsors to make more money on this event. However, everything went really well. Attendees had a great time. We sold a lot of T-shirts and concessions. Many thanks to all the volunteers. We could not do this without you. The Parkinson's Ride went well. We have a few issues to work out with cleaning and roles but otherwise it was a success. The concession stand was very busy. There will be a Father/Son baseball tournament the weekend of 29th and 30th.
2. The next commission meeting will be on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:30pm at The Ballpark conference room. The next workshop will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6pm, same location. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.