

Recreation and Parks Committee  
May 14, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Dennis Dare, Lloyd Martin, David Recor, Tom Shuster, Susan Petito, Frank Miller, Kate Gaddis and Lisa Mitchell. Tom introduced Frank Miller, the new Special Events Superintendent. Guests included Zach Hoopes, Joanne Shriner and Nancy Howard.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 9, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Ocean City License Plate Boardwalk Parade: Nancy Howard made a presentation about the Ocean City License Plate Boardwalk Parade. The committee provided suggestions for promotion of the event with the Halloween theme and inclusion of additional participants.
4. Surfing Beach Update: Tom Shuster reported that the 2013 Surfing Beach Schedule has been distributed to the public and that the Surfing Beach Facilitator Manual has been revised to reflect changes in the implementation of the Inlet Surfing Beach for “conditional opening” as agreed to by the inlet beach franchise operator and the Surfing Beach Subcommittee as the meeting of April 30, 2013.
5. Beach Toys: Tom Shuster provided a report on replacement options for Beach Toys for 2013. The report identifies 13 possible toys ranging in price from \$5,902 to \$50,687. Tom further reported that the selection of toys to be used would be coordinated with boardwalk merchants and subject to available funding, size and weight of the toys, Public Works ability to move and place the toys and the toy manufacturer’s recommendation for installation on the beach.

The Committee asked Tom to narrow the number of options, get more price information and availability. David Recor arrived at 4:50 P.M.

The Committee was of the opinion that the Town did not have sufficient funds to pay for new toys and that the interested boardwalk merchants should be encouraged to raise the funds for new toys.

6. St. Patrick’s Indoor Soccer Tournament: Kate Gaddis provided a report on the 2013 St. Patrick’s Tournament. The tournament hosted 173 teams over 4 weekends from late February to March. Total income from registrations was \$64,500 and concession income of \$6,546. The committee commended Kate and the Recreation Program Staff for the success of the tournament.
7. Caroline Street Boardwalk Stage Use Policy: Tom distributed copies of the draft policy for the use of the new Caroline Street Boardwalk stage on the beach. The committee discussed whether the permit for use should be approved at the Council level or at the Department level by the Director of Recreation & Parks. Upon further discussion by the committee, direction was given to make the focus of the stage for Town sponsored or coordinated entertainment and to refer private uses of the stage to the private event coordinator. A revised use procedure will be provided at a future committee meeting.

8. Kayak/Canoe Concession RFP (Closed Session): Motion by Lloyd Martin, seconded by Dennis Dare, to adjourn to closed session to discuss a contractual matter related to a proposal Canoe and/or Kayaks Concession Rental Contract at Northside Park.

Present in the closed session were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, David Recor, Tom Shuster, Susan Petito and Kate Gaddis.

The committee returned to open session.

The committee provided guidance to the staff regarding the scope, consideration and duration of the contract to be included in the Request for Proposals. The committee will report to the Council that the concession operation be planned for the 2014 season and that the request for proposals (RFP's) be distributed in late Fall 2013.

9. Other Business: The staff updated the committee on the plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks. The Ford Motor Company has requested to do a market activation event in Ocean City in June. A special meeting of the committee may be scheduled to follow up on these items before the next meeting of June 11.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM