

Recreation and Parks Committee
May 28, 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, David Recor, Tom Shuster, Susan Petito, Frank Miller, Lisa Mitchell, David Hartley and Tim Price.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 14, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. July 4th Fireworks Planning: Frank Miller provided an update on the planning for the July 4th fireworks displays. Frank handed out a summary of details, shell descriptions, diagrams and an email from American Fireworks. Frank noted that the fireworks contractor recommends a 1/3 offset launch eastward toward the ocean for the Downtown beach display to accommodate an acceptable safety zone. Fire Chief David Hartley agreed with the 1/3 offset launch provided that all 6 inch and 5 inch shells are launched in this manner. The committee agreed to direct staff to plan for a July 4th show using a maximum shell as noted in the contract and use the 1/3 offset launch method for the fireworks display on the beach as done in the past, if necessary. David Hartley and Tim Price left the meeting.
4. Ford Motor Company Event Request: Lisa Mitchell had a follow up conversation with Ford regarding a vehicle demonstration event in Ocean City on June 24th and 25th. David Recor arrived at 4:26 p.m.

The committee discussed the possible use of Somerset Street Plaza for a fixed display of vehicles and a separate area for test drive of up to 3 vehicles at the Somerset Street parking lot at Baltimore Avenue. The request is being processed as a private event with all fees due and payment for use of the parking lot. The committee agreed to recommend this option to the Council for consideration and action at the June 3 Council meeting.

5. Law Enforcement Torch Run: Lisa Mitchell reported that she has processed a special event application for the Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 3 conducted by the Ocean City Police Department. The committee recommended that the City Manager approve the event upon the review by other departments.
6. Dew Tour Sampling: Lisa Mitchell reported that the Dew Tour promoter is requesting permission to sample hot dogs at the 2013 Dew Tour in Ocean City. The committee recommended the request be referred to Council for action.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM