

Recreation and Parks Committee  
September 10, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, Tom Shuster, Frank Miller, Susan Petito, Lisa Mitchell and David Recor. Guests included Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 13, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Private Special Events: Lisa Mitchell reported that she has received an application for the Ocean City Beach Classic in 2014. The applicant will amend his date request before the application is sent for staff review so as to not conflict with the Dew Tour dates. The committee provided some feedback to Lisa.
4. Athletic Field Rental Cancellations: Tom Shuster presented a report on athletic field rentals for tournaments for 2013. The report notes that so far this season only 4 softball tournaments have been cancelled due to lack of team registrations. Two tournaments have been cancelled due to weather (rainouts). The committee agreed that the number of cancellations did not seem excessive.
5. Caroline Street Boardwalk Stage Procedure: Frank Miller provided a draft of the usage guidelines and requirements for the Caroline Street Boardwalk Stage. Frank asked the committee to review the draft and then provide comments and suggestions to Frank before the next committee meeting.
6. Other Business: Tom Shuster presented a letter from Ines Jones to Mayor Meehan dated June 10 requesting that the Town designate a “Life Guard Day” in recognition of the Beach Patrol. Tom recommended that the suggestion be considered but amended to “Ocean City Beach Patrol Day”. Tom recommended that this day of recognition be scheduled to coincide with the OCBP Crew Competitions in July 2014. The committee agreed to recommend this for consideration by the Council at an upcoming meeting.

Frank Miller discussed the recent use of the Mooring of the Bayside Park Boardwalk at Chicago Avenue by the Spanish Galeon. Frank recommended that the use of the mooring be under the direction of the Recreation and Parks Department and that the Special Events Division be charged with processing the requests for use under the Private Special Events process. The committee agreed with the proposal and agreed to recommend it for consideration to the Council. Frank Miller will make a presentation on the use at a future Council meeting.

Joe Mitrecic reported that the State of Maryland awarded the Town a Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant of \$30,000 for the shade structure at the Ocean Bowl Skatepark.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM