



Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Minutes, March 7, 2016; 4:30 PM
Auditorium

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER: 4:33 PM – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dobbs. Committee members present were Eric Ankrom, John Kelly and Committee Liaison Public Works Director Chip Reeves. Others in attendance were Lindsey Doyle of the MDI YMCA, Peter St. Germain, Benni McMullen and Amy Schwartz of the YWCA MDI, Erik Boucher of GiddyUp Productions LLC, Richard Reccholtz of the Bar Harbor (MDI) Rotary, and Jenny Bishop of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

ITEM 2

A. Excused Absence(s): None.

ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Agenda; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Minutes of November 16, 2015.** Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Minutes; motion passed (3-0).
- B. Minutes of February 1, 2016.** Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Minutes; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 5
REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Park Use Permit Applications for Major Special Events.** The Committee, having previewed applications, suspended the reading of the Finding of Facts Sheets for repeating annual events having no changes, other than date(s) of events.
- 1. Request from the YWCA MDI to Hold the Taste of Bar Harbor Craft Fair on the Village Green from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 21, 2016.**

Mses. McMullen and Schwartz represented the applicant in support of the application for this annual event. Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

2. Request from the YWCA MDI to Hold the Labor Day Craft Fair on the Village Green from 6:00 AM on Saturday, September 3, to 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 4, 2016.

Mses. McMullen and Schwartz represented the applicant in support of the application for this annual event. Mr. Ankrom moved, with second by Mr. Kelly, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

3. Request from the Bar Harbor (MDI) Rotary Club to Hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast / Seafood Festival on the Athletic Field from 8:00 AM on Sunday, July 3, to 6:00 PM on Monday, July 4, 2016 (Rain Dates July 4-5, 2016).

Mr. Reccholtz represented the applicant in support of the application for this annual event. Mr. Ankrom moved, with second by Mr. Kelly, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

4. Request from the MDI Mortgage Group (as sponsor for Coastal Fine Arts Alliance of Maine) to Hold the Gallery on the Green from 6:00 AM on Saturday, September 17, to 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

There was no representation for this application present. The Committee tabled the review until there is representation at the meeting.

5. Request from the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce to Hold the Art in the Park on the Village Green from 6:00 AM Saturday, June 18, to 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 19, 2016.

Ms. Bishop represented the applicant in support of the application for this annual event. Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

6. Request from Witham Hotels (as sponsor for GiddyUp Productions LLC) to Hold its Rock Lobster Relay on the Athletic Field from 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 23, to 6:00 PM on Friday, June 24, 2016.

Mr. Boucher represented the applicant in support of its application. The Chair reviewed the application using the Findings of Fact Sheet. Mr. Boucher described the event along with the presentation materials previously provided. He said the local and Mt. Desert police departments have been consulted and concerns and questions were satisfied.

This event is a relay foot race from Bar Harbor to Portland and the first year in the offering; considered a “dry run.” Forty teams of twelve each have registered, which is below the maximum capacity of 100 teams. Sixty to seventy teams are preferred. Set-up on the Athletic Field would begin at 4:00 PM on June 23 and would include two or three 10’ x 10’ tents and a 20’ x 30’ canopy tent. The tents are for the race announcer and prerecorded music to be projected via two speakers aimed at Main Street. There will also be a 30-foot wide inflatable arch for the starting chute. Power via extension cords from the Athletic Field comfort station is available, so a generator would not be required. Mr. Boucher said the group would take responsibility for equipment left out overnight.

Mr. Kelly asked for a description of the event sequence on the Athletic Field. Mr. Boucher explained that two vans per team will arrive for a starting time of 6:00 AM on June 24. Two to four teams of 12 each will start the race, and the arrival of following teams will be staggered. Runners show up for safety instructions. There could be stretches of time of no launching as it depends on the team speed. A staff person would guide runners across Main Street. They will run toward traffic, not in the road, and obey all traffic rules. The event is modeled on other 200-mile races to determine the pace of teams and is designed to reduce congestion at the transition points where team batons are passed. There is no pull to have other participants on site when they are not scheduled, and spectators are not expected. Mr. Reeves remarked that this event would not create more activity than other athletic activities. It is anticipated that the activity would be concluded and cleared by 3:30 PM on June 24.

The issue of sound amplification was discussed. Amplified music would be played for atmosphere purposes and is a test situation for this year. Mr. Ankrom suggested that testing of how the sound travels be conducted on the afternoon of June 23. The local noise ordinance is governed by decibel projection. It is desired to not put people in the position of complaining about noise. Mr. Reeves suggested that no music be amplified before 10:00 AM.

Chair Dobbs stressed that Life Flight operations take priority on the Athletic Field when called. Mr. Boucher acknowledged that they would adhere to those needs.

Mr. Boucher said there would be no selling at this event. Mr. Ankrom asked about the beneficiaries as they are stated in the event proposal – the MDI YMCA in Bar Harbor and the Neighborhood House in Northeast Harbor. Mr. Boucher indicated that has changed. Transition areas are offered options on donations. At this point, Otter Creek is the transition area.

Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application, conditioned upon the following: 1) Music will not be allowed before 10:00 AM and will be leveled reasonably for the neighborhood; music would be shut down when participants are not on site; 2) the event will begin at 4:00 PM on June 23, 2016; and 3) no generators will be used. The motion passed as stipulated (3-0).

B. Park Use Permit Applications for Minor Special Events. The Committee, having previewed applications, suspended the reading of the Finding of Facts Sheets for repeating annual events having no changes, other than date(s) of events.

1. Request from MDI YMCA to Hold the Acadia Half-Marathon on the Athletic Field from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, June 5, 2016.

Ms. Doyle represented the applicant in support of the application for this annual event. Mr. Ankrom moved, with second by Mr. Kelly, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

2. Request from MDI YMCA to Hold the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Half-Marathon on the Athletic Field from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Ms. Doyle represented the applicant in support of the application for this annual event. Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

3. Request from Peter St. Germain to Hold a Wedding Ceremony at Hadley Point Landing from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Mr. St. Germain attended in support of his application. Chair Dobbs reviewed the application using the Findings of Fact Sheet. Mr. St. Germain indicated the ceremony would be set up at the point toward Berry Cove. Guests would be shuttled to the area with three or four cars at most on site. If the weather is too rainy, the ceremony will move off-site.

Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

C. Other Discussion.

- FY17 Budget: Mr. Reeves reported that all of the Committee's recommendations were not included in the upcoming budget. Some items will be funded under the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. The timbers and possibly the benches at Harborview Park will be removed and pavers put in place.
- Grant Park Improvement Project: The Albert Meadow wastewater pump station is being upgraded. This will affect the concept design for the Park project.
- Special Committee Meeting Date: Giving consideration to the reduced Committee size and member availability to accommodate a quorum, the next meeting date will be April 11, 2016.

ITEM 6
NEXT MEETING DATE
April 11, 2016

ITEM 7
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis
Recording Secretary