

Recreation and Parks Committee
August 13, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:12 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Dennis Dare, Lloyd Martin, David Recor, Tom Shuster, Susan Petito, Frank Miller, Butch Arbin and Lisa Mitchell. Guests included Zach Hoopes and Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 9, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Private Special Events: Lisa Mitchell presented information about the new Delmarva Diesel special event proposed for October 13, 2013 on the beach. Lisa recommended the date requested be changed due to conflict with the existing approved event for Fall Cruisin OC.

Lisa Mitchell provided the proposed race course for the Ocean City Beach to Boardwalk Half Marathon and 5K proposed for Sunday, March 9, 2014. The special event request will be presented to the Council, Monday, August 19.

Lisa updated the committee on the route for the Ocean City Half Marathon Running Festival planned for April 14, 2014. Chris Klebe, event promoter, requests reversing the start and finish locations for the event. A change may affect the Route 50 Kelley Bridge opening for the event and include the use of the Springfest entertainment tent for post race events. Lisa left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

4. Beach Patrol Update: Captain Butch Arbin gave an update on surfing and surfing beaches so far this season. The changes to scheduled surfing beaches have been implemented and the surfing community has received the changes positively.

Butch also gave an update on Beach Patrol operations this season and a review of statistics and rescue responses. The number of rescues to date for 2013 is down compared to 2012. Butch also described the staffing compliments so far this season and the high quality of staff.

The committee discussed the proposed new Beach Patrol Headquarters Downtown. The project will require a design and cost estimate. This will be discussed at an upcoming Council meeting.

5. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park. Joe Mitrecic asked that the agenda include a review and discussion of the Athletic Field Rental cancellation policy.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM