



TOWN OF OXFORD

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OXFORD TOWN HALL

Call to Order: - Elaine Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Present – Jim Leach, Kelly Weymer, Joyce Silberkleit, Tom Federowicz, Director Deb Gatto

Absent –Kenn Maher, Greg Baktis, Christine Bavone, Glen Schumitz

Amendment to the Agenda - None

Audience of Citizens

Todd Romagna of Youth Football was present. He explained the tackle and cheer league has been running for four seasons. They changed leagues and are now playing with 5 other similar size towns (Beacon Falls, New Milford, Torrington, Ansonia, and Aspetuck). He noted that the league started with 4 teams and is now down to 2 teams of 50 players and 100 cheerleaders.

Mr. Romagna said there needs to be cooperation between flag and tackle football. As both are recreation leagues, Parks and Recreation should look into options on how the two leagues could get along. The two leagues did try to combine into one league, but it did not work out.

Mr. Romagna was concerned that kids who play flag football are not prepared to play football in high school. He noted that tackle did try a flag football team where the players wore helmets and shoulder pads, but no tackling was involved.

Mrs. Gatto noted that about 14 years ago flag football started out non-competitive playing only on Sundays. A couple of years ago they started keeping score and playing with other towns.

The Commission continued discussing this matter after Mr. Romagna left.

Discussion on having flag football return to its original non-competitive format for younger kids and start tackle in the 6th grade

It was suggested that two members from the commission and each league, the high school athletic director and the Parks & Recreation Director meet a couple of times to discuss the matter and get any possible of suggestions. Tom Federowicz and Jim Leach will be on the committee. Mrs. Gatto will make the necessary calls to the other leagues.

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 2, 2015. Second by Tom Federowicz. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

Terms are up for Kenn Maher, Jim Leach and Glen Schumitz. **MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to reappoint them. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Tom Federowicz. Jim Leach. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Bills - None

Director's Report

WI-FI was installed at the gatehouse. Magic will be installed for the phone.

There is \$6,500 left in the Jackson Cove Sand & Gravel account. The Commission will consider how the funds could be utilized.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Aggie Park – the Board of Selectmen (9/2/2015 regular meeting) approved up to \$400,000 to be taken out of the General Fund, but the Board of Finance (11/23/2015 regular meeting) forwarded the matter back to the Board of Selectmen for a breakdown of the total \$900,000 (\$500,000 is grant money).

Other Business - None

Adjournment


MOTION by Kelly Weymer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. Motion carried unanimously.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

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