



TOWN OF OXFORD

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OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OXFORD TOWN HALL

Call to Order

Vice Chair Tom Federowicz called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present – Joyce Silberkleit, Kenn Maher, Kelly Weymer, Christine Bavone, Greg Baktis, Glen Schumitz,
*Jim Leach

Director, Deb Gatto

Absent – Elaine Raccio

Amendment to the Agenda – None

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the Special Meeting minutes of 2/10/14. Second by Greg Baktis. Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

*J. Leach arrived at 7:05 P.M.

Audience of Citizens

Todd Romagna and Kristi Cairo of the Youth Football league were present. Mr. Romagna noted that the league met with the Flag Football. Mr. Romagna explained that at an OYF league meeting a motion was made and unanimously approved for the league to go under the Parks & Recreation auspices; contingent upon Commission's approval and another motion was made and unanimously approved to merge with the Flag Football league. The league would be YFL with cheerleading and flag football divisions.

Deb Gatto explained she attended the meeting and expressed the Commission's concern that that flag football could lose its identity. Mr. Romagna said flag football would be a separate division. He noted that the parents would be deciding whether to have their kids play flag or tackle football.

Pat Sullivan and Joe Nesteriak of Flag Football league were present Mr. Nesteriak said that the league felt that uniting with Youth Football would be a benefit to both leagues.

Discussion on if flag football stopped using a Seymour field would they have to ban Seymour kids from playing in the league. Oxford kids have been able to play in Seymour's Pop Warner and Seymour kids have been able to play in Oxford's Flag Football. Oxford does not have a Pop Warner league and Seymour does not have a Flag Football league. Mr. Nesteriak said the more players the better it is for the league.

The Commission felt that non-residents playing in a league should be addressed with each league. The Commission said it would decide on OYF's request later in the meeting.

Correspondence – None

Review and Approval of Bills – None

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and discussed the report.

The 2014-15 budget request was presented to the Board of Selectmen. Field Maintenance was increased to cove Lily Park and the tennis courts.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Greg Baktis. Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 12.

Oxford Land Trust asked to use the pavilion. There will be no charge as they have done work at the Jackson Cove.

Cultural Arts would like to hold a monthly open mike at Jackson Coe. Matter tabled until Cultural Arts provides more detailed information.

Discussion on charging an additional fee for pavilion rental when there over 100 people attending. The concern is for the additional lifeguard needed. \$50 will be charged for parties of over 100 people and for each additional 50 people another \$50 fee.

The Hurricanes are still scheduled to use the High School fields, which means the lacrosse and soccer leagues would be unable to use the fields on the weekends.

Discussion on maintenance cleaning up the athletic field after games. The Board of Education will start charging for use of the fields, if they have to pay for the field custodial work.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Tetlak Park – Glen Schumitz reviewed the map and discussed the plans with the Commission. The plan is to have one multi-purpose field and two softballs fields in by the fall. Dugouts and bleachers will be put in later. Mr. Schumitz will be contacting CL&P about their plans for the poles and rewiring.

Other Business

Discussion on the Youth Football's request. It was noted one of the reasons for this is to make sure the league does not charged for field usage by the Board of Education, if a charge should be implemented, and to insure the continuation of both Youth Football and Flag Football.

MOTION by Kenn Maher to approve the request by Oxford Youth Football to be under the auspices of Parks & Recreation. Second by Tom Federowicz. Vote Ayes (7) Abstain (1) C. Bavone. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kenn Maher to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Second by Joyce Silberklett. Vote All ayes. Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL / Respectfully submitted


Cynthia Peck

Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

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