



TOWN OF OXFORD

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall
486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2012
Oxford Town Hall

Call to Order

Chairman Elaine Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Present - Tom Federowicz, Kelly Weymer, Greg Baktis, Jim Leach, Colleen Lundgren,
Joyce Silberkleit and Director Debbie Gatto

Absent - Kenn Maher, Bob Buswell

Amendment to the Agenda

MOTION by Tom Federowicz to move the Audience of Citizens to the next item on the agenda.
Second by Kelly Weymer. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

Audience of Citizens

Anna Gelfund asked why she could not use a kickboard at Jackson Cove. Debbie Gatto said that in open water only certified life vests are allowed. She explained that floating devices in open dark water can prevent lifeguards from seeing someone under the water. Jackson Cove is a big area with many people and the lifeguards need to be able to see someone who may need help.

Kickboards can be used in the high school swimming pool because it is clear water and there are less people.

Ms. Gelfund asked if the Commission would reconsider a resident being able to have a guest vehicle follow them in to the park. The Commission said it would discuss this later in the meeting.

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Colleen Lundgren to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 6/6/12. Second by Tom Federowicz. **Vote** - All ayes (7). Motion carried.

Correspondence

Email from First Selectman George R. Temple stating that signs should be posted at all parks stating "No Alcohol and No Smoking." It was noted that at the Commission's June 6, 2012 meeting the Commission discussed the Babe Ruth league putting up a no smoking sign at Posypanko Park. The Commission discussed the matter and had several questions that they would like answered.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to table the matter regarding the signs, which was addressed in the email from the First Selectman, and request First Selectman Temple to attend the Commission's next meeting to clarify the ordinance this comes under, the contents of the signs and where the funding for the signs would come from. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. **Vote** - All ayes (7). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed the FY 2011-2012 appropriation summary.

MOTION by Colleen Lundgren to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Kelly Weymer. **Vote** - All ayes (7). Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Bills

Cedar Ridge Nursery should not go over the contracted amount.

MOTION by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the bill for the mulch and the director's mileage report. Second by Tom Federowicz. **Vote** - All ayes (7). Motion carried.

Director's Report

Debbie Gatto informed the Commission of an incident which occurred at Jackson Cove. Ed Fabian complained to the gate attendant that there was a car without a pass in the parking lot. Mr. Fabian was very vocal and took pictures of the employees on duty. The Commission discussed the incident.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to draft a letter, to be signed by the Chairman, to Mr. Fabian addressing the incident and how his behavior could be construed as harassment and that he should bring his concerns to the Commission. Second by Greg Baktis. **Vote** - All ayes (7). Motion carried.

Youth Football has requested field time. First Selectman George Temple asked Debbie Gatto to find field space for the league. The Commission discussed possible field space. Discussion held on using the leeching field behind Quaker Farms School. Pomperaug Health will be asked if the field could be used.

Jackson Cove

The first summer concert was held on July 10. It was a great success.

Committee/ Liaison Reports - None

Other Business

Tetlak Park - Tom Federowicz noted that the upper field is overgrown with Russian Olive. Debbie Gatto noted that the maintenance workers will cut it down and the Youth Conservation Corp may be able to prevent it from growing back.

*K. Weymer left the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Debbie Gatto said she spoke with Michael Herd, Chairman of the Conservation Commission about removing the overgrown vegetation from around the pavilion area at Jackson Cove. He said that low-growing vegetation could be planted with wooden platform areas interspersed. This could be an Eagle Scout project.

Discussion on guest vehicles. It was noted that it can be difficult to remove car seats. Suggestions included selling multiple passes to a resident for a guest vehicle. The issue of non-resident employees of residents (nannies and babysitters) getting passes was also discussed. The Commission felt that a non-resident employee of a resident should not have a pass, as they may use it when they are not working. The matter was tabled for review by the Jackson Cove Committee.

Also discussed was expanding the parking lot, as in the design plans. This would involve removing the storage shed and putting in another one.

Adjournment

MOTION by Colleen Lundgren to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. **Vote** - All ayes.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck
Clerk

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Joyce Silberkleit
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