

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2013  
Oxford Town Hall

### **Call to Order**

Chair Elaine Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Present - Tom Federowicz, Jim Leach, Christine Bavone, Glenn Schumitz, Greg Baktis,  
Joyce Silberkleit and Director Debbie Gatto

Absent - Kelly Weymer, Kenn Maher

### **Amendment to the Agenda** - None

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Tom Federowicz to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 8/7/13. Seconded Glen Schumitz. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Reviewed the letter (dated 8/26/13) sent to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Commission's view on the need for and location of new athletic fields. No response has been received.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Reviewed the 2013-2014 budget.

Discussion on the new State mandate which requires a lifeguard to be watching an indoor swimming pool. This means a lifeguard, even though lifeguards teach the class, will have to be posted outside of the water. This is an unbudgeted additional cost.

Discussion on the community sign board. Debbie Gatto was informed that the Town Hall custodian is no longer doing the sign postings. Over the summer the Director hired a person to post the notices twice a week, but now cannot find anyone willing to do it. Commissioners suggested a High School student to do as part of their community volunteer requirement. This is an unbudgeted additional cost.

**MOTION** by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Greg Baktis. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review and Approval of Bills** - None

### **Director's Report**

A used boat and trailer were purchased for \$900. Jackson fees were used to pay this cost. The boat and trailer were purchased because they are needed to put in and remove the dock each season. The dock will be removed this week.

Debbie Gatto met with Tom Adamski of the Youth Conservation Corp and Andy Ferrillo, IW Enforcement Officer, at Jackson Cove, to discuss the clearing of the area behind and in front of the pavilion.

Discussion on the First Selectman, George Temple, appointing a Tetlak Park committee. Mr. Temple asked Debbie to be a liaison. Commissioners expressed concern that the master plan may not be followed and there are still no utilities at the park. Mrs. Gatto noted that the committee members are representatives from the various sports leagues. Mrs. Gatto asked Mr. Temple to appoint a couple Parks & Recreation Commission members, as the Commission worked on the master plan for the park. Mr. Temple agreed. Elaine Raccio and Glen Schumitz said they would be on the committee.

Debbie will look at prices for railings on the steps at Posypanko Park.

Discussion on the gates at the schools being locked during school hours. Mrs. Gatto has spoken with the Timothy Connellaan, Superintendent of Schools, about unlocking the gates after school so that leagues and spectators may have easy access to ball fields. He agreed that the gates should be opened after school hours. So far not all gates are being been unlocked.

Mrs. Gatto noted that the new High School Athletic Director, Teg Cosgriff, has not given any available field times at the High School.

Mr. Cosgriff has also informed her that the pool would not be open for open swim or the Otter Swim team during football games. Trick or Trunk may have to be moved to another school, as there is a game scheduled at the High School.

Also the pool has been closed since the beginning of August due to problems with the chlorine. Fees for swim lessons were refunded.

The Tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 6. Mrs. Gatto is working on being able to use one of the larger trees in front of the gazebo instead of the small tree, which was planted this year.

Playscape - the land was cleared and the equipment was ordered.

#### **Committee/ Liaison Reports**

Youth Basketball will start the beginning of November.

Still waiting on information on using solar lights at the tennis courts.

#### **Audience of Citizens** - None

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Joyce Silberkleit to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Second by Glen Schumitz.

**Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck  
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

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TOWN CLERK