PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2013 Oxford Town Hall

Call to Order

Chair Elaine Raccio called the called the meeting to order at 7:35P.M.

<u>Present</u> - Tom Federowicz, Jim Leach, Christine Bavone, Kenn Maher, Joyce Silberkleit Director Debbie Gatto

Absent - Greg Baktis, Glen Schumitz, Kelly Weymer

Amendment to the Agenda - None

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Tom Federowicz to prove the Regular Meeting minutes of May 1, 2013. Seconded Jim Leach. Vote - Ayes (4), Abstain (2) J. Silberkliet, K. Maher. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed the 2012-2013 budget.

Discussion regarding the increase to electricity due to lights at the new tennis courts. The lights are on nightly from dark until 10 P.M. from March through November. The delivery charge per month is \$250 plus the cost of electricity. This will be \$2,250 plus the cost of electricity for the tennis courts for nine months. Converting the lights into solar will be looked investigated.

MOTION by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Kenn Maher. **Vote** - All ayes (6). Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Bills - None

Director's Report

The Lion's Club is interested in the proposed idea have installing platforms with picnic tables on them along the water's edge in front of the pavilion.

A waterfront expert did a site inspection at Jackson Cove. Recommendations made.

- 1) Designate the shallow and deep water with a rope.
- 2) Mark the dock with wording and symbols to designate danger, deep water.
- 3) Signage indicating no swimming when lifeguards are not on duty.

In addition, three new lifeguard chairs have been installed and there is a security camera overlooking the swimming area.

The Youth Core has planted new trees and shrubs along the water's edge and is working to clear invasive plants.

First Selectman, George Temple is going forward with his plan of a community garden on the old tennis courts at Great Oak School.

There will be a Town Meeting to obtain funding for the Playscape.

Discussion on the low registration for summer camp. Mrs. Gatto explained that the low registration could be due to the schools running their own camps and the various sport camps offered by Parks & Recreation during the summer. It was suggested that a weekly survey be done.

<u>Committee/ Liaison Reports</u> - None <u>Audience of Citizens</u> - None

Other Business

The Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting held on March 20, 2013 acted on the peddler's permit for H&D Catering. Their approval came with the following with the stipulations.

- 1. No selling at Posypanko Park on Babe Ruth's Opening Day.
- 2. No selling at Jackson Cove during "Summer Nights at the Beach" series.

Helmos LLC. Peddler's permit approval came with the same stipulations.

Christine Bavone noted that the Flag Football league would like to install a storage shed at Quaker Farms School. The league will be asking the soccer league if they would like to share the unit. The Commission asked that the league inform them as to the size of the unit and where it would be placed. The Board of Education would be informed about the unit.

Mrs. Bavone also noted that there are splinters in some of the bleachers at Center School. The bleachers in questions are under trees. Parks & Recreation maintenance staff will replace the boards.

The Memorial Day 5K run had over 300 participants. A donation will be made to the American Legion.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kenn Maher to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Second by Tom Fedorowicz. Christine Bavone. Vote - All ayes (6). Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia Peck

Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission