



TOWN OF OXFORD

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OXFORD TOWN HALL

Dance recital will be on May 8. The fishing course will be on May 7 and the Fishing and Bike Rodeo will be on May 18.

The Call to Order

Chair Elaine Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present – Glen Schumitz, Joyce Silberkleit, Christine Bavone, Kelly Weymer

Kenn, Maher, Jim Leach, Greg Baktis, Director Deb Gatto

Absent – Tom Federowicz,

Amendment to the Agenda - None

Audience of Citizens

Wayne Johnson, Vice President of the Oxford Land Trust, was present to request that the rental fee for the Jackson Cove pavilion be waived. The Oxford Land Trust will be celebrating its 27th anniversary and will hold an open house on Sunday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. There will be a bird program, hikes and lunch during the event.

Mr. Johnson noted that the Land Trust worked on the trails at Jackson Cove and worked on Rock House Hill Sanctuary. The Commission told Mr. Johnson they would discuss the matter.

Patrick Sullivan, President of the Flag Football league was present. Mr. Sullivan noted that last year a Beacon Falls team joined the league. They paid the registration fee and practiced on their own field. Woodbury and Newtown have asked to join this year. They would practice on their own fields and games would be played in all town participating. Mr. Sullivan noted that in order to have enough teams there needs to be a certain number of players in each division. There are less Oxford kids participating. Mr. Sullivan noted that if more teams get involved a conference may have to be formed. It is too late to form a conference and asked to have a trial year with the additional Towns to see how it goes.

Christine Bavone noted that of the 182 players last year only 40 of them were non-residents. Deb Gatto noted that five years ago a small group of parents took over the league and has done a great job of making successful and profitable.

Other Business

The Commission discussed Mr. Johnson's request. Deb Gatto noted that Tom Adamski and the Youth Corp have volunteered time and work on various Parks & Recreation projects Last year, Mr. Adamski had asked to use the pavilion on behalf on the Land Trust and because of his volunteer work for Parks & Recreation, Deb Gatto waived the fee.

It was noted that other people and organizations do volunteer work for the Town and pay the rental fee. Discussion on the request.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve, for this year, the rental fee of \$75 for the Oxford Land Trust. Next year, if rented within the peak period of Memorial Day through Labor Day, the rental fee would be full price. If prior to or after peak time the rental fee would be half price. Second by Glen Schumitz. Vote – Ayes (7), Abstain (1) K. Maher. Motion carried.

Discussion on Flag Football's request. Last year only 22% of the league was non-resident. Other towns involved would practice on their own fields. Games would be played in all Towns. The league would not need additional field time. A percentage of non-residents could be set, as they will not know the registration until the end of the summer.

MOTION by Glen Schumitz to allow, for this year only, Flag Football to have an open season for non-residents, with the condition that other towns participating practice on their own fields and provide a field for games. Second by Kelly Weymer. Vote – Ayes (7), Abstain (1) C. Bavone.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Correction to Peddler's Permit approval, add no selling at the Oxford Food & Arts Festival on June 7, 2015 unless a paid and approved vendor.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the corrected 4/6/2015 regular meeting minutes. Second by Glen Schumitz. Vote – Ayes (5). Abstain (3) E. Raccio, G. Bakti, G. Schumitz. Motion carried. Christine Bavone. Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Peddler's Permit

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the peddler's permit for Young Entrepreneurs Cotton Candy of 16 Kerski Drive and Helmos LLC of 17 Smith Haven Drive, Seymour with the stipulation of no selling at the Oxford Food and Arts Fest on June 7, 2015, unless a paid and approved vendor for that event. . Second by Kenn Maher. Vote– All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Bills None

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed the report. 70% of the 2014-2015 budget has been expended. **MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Glen Schumitz. Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Deb Gatto will be completing the hiring of the summer staff.

Jackson Cove - Construction of the Gate house has begun. An Eagle Scout will be building a kayak storage rack.

The tennis courts were vandalized. The poles were bent. The cost of replacing them was \$750.00. The contractor will repaint the court at no cost.

weekend of May 18 Cultural Arts will be hold the Festival of Arts. Deb Gatto and Dorothy Pebbles-Pelley of the Cultural Arts did discuss parking on the 18th. The library will be holding a book sale and the Garden Club will be holding a plant sale.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Aggie Park is on the Board of Selectmen's special meeting agenda of May 5, 2015.

Adjournment

MOTION by Glen Schumitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Second by Kelly Weymer.

Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

15 MAY -6 PM 4:11
TOWN OF AVON, CT
Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK