



TOWN OF OXFORD

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OXFORD TOWN HALL

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

Present – Tom Federowicz, Jim Leach, Christine Bavone, Glen Schumitz Director Deb Gatto

Absent –Kenn Maher, Greg Baktis, Joyce Silberkleit, Kelly Weymer

Amendment to the Agenda - None

Audience of Citizens

A coaches and parents who had been associated with Oxford Youth Football and Cheer, but have been trying to form their own chapter, were present to discuss several issues.

Carol Mastersanti, 11 Walter Lane. Ms. Mastersanti explained she had been a coach with the league prior to it joining the Northern New England Pop Warner. She explained that while trying to get a charter with the American Youth Football organization, she was told she and two other coaches had been suspended and she would be unable to obtain a charter. Ms. Mastersanti said that she was never informed by the OYF & Cheer Board of Directors about the suspensions.

Adrienne Radcliffe, 122 Jack's Hill Road. Thanked Parks & Recreation for all the great work they have done. She noted the league has been going strong and they had a team that won first place at the National competition.

She noted that a vote had been taken that only the team that placed first would go to nationals, but when another team came in second, a number of parents wanted to have the team also attend. The parents asked that the vote be overturned. The Board would not overturn the vote. She added that the board of directors changed to the Pop Warner affiliation without any parents being able to vote on the matter. Ms. Radcliffe asked that the Commission look into this matter

Bill Manning, 44 Greenbriar Road. Mr. Manning also asked that the Commission look into this matter.

Lisa Suttle, 1 Sarah Drive. Mrs. Suttle said that the current board of directors has a lack of respect for the coaches and parents.

Jennifer Vaivoda, 45 Donovan Road. Ms. Vaivoda said the board of directors does not have enough interaction with parents. This is why a group would like to start their own league.

Todd Romagna, 28 East Street, past president of the board of directors, explained that when the league started first and second place winners attended the nationals. Later the rules were in place that only the first place winners would attend. This was at the request of parents.

Regarding the suspensions, he is unaware of any. An incident occurred and a complaint was made, but no charges were filed, which would have led to suspensions to the coaches as well as the teams involved.

Joe Nesteriak, 37 New Haven Road. President of the board of directors said that no one has been suspended. He said that all the girls are able to return to OYF & Cheer.

The Commission asked if Pop Warner had a cheerleading squad and there was a regional office for AYF & Cheer. Mr. Nesteriak answered yes to both questions.

The Commission thanked everyone for coming and said they would review the matter.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Correction, pickle ball not picked ball.

MOTION by Tom Federowicz to approve the corrected regular meeting minutes of 3/7/2016. Second by Glen Schumitz. Motion unanimously approved. *April 4, 2016 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Peddler's Permit

Reviewed the applications.

MOTION by Jim Leach to approve the peddler's permit for Helmo's Ice and Young Entrepreneurs Cotton Candy, contingent upon submission of current health permit and certificate of health permit. With the stipulation of no selling at and at the Oxford Food and Arts Fest on June 12, 2016, unless application and fee are submitted. Second by Christine Bavone. Motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence - None

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed the report. Another internet was installed at Jackson Cove for the gate house. Security cameras are being purchased for Posypanko Park and mulch will be purchased.

MOTION by Tom Federowicz to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Christine Bavone. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Bills - None

Director's Report

Camp registration has begun.

Received bids for the portable toilets. Chatfield will be providing them and will be able to service them the same day.

Deb Gatto asked if Thank You for Not Smoking signs could be added to the signs at Lily Park and Ryan's Court. Tom Federowicz said to go for it. The Commission agreed they should be put up.

Newtown Bank has made donations towards the summer concerts, which allowed for an additional concert. Summer camp, to allow a couple of more kids to attend summer camp for free. A small application will be drafted for this fund, Funds for the website.

Fishing Rodeo – May 14
Pasta Dinner Benefit – May 20
Food & Craft Fest - June 12

Committee and Liaison Reports

Aggie Park - Glen Schumitz said there was an agreement to sign the contract.

Other Business - None

Adjournment

MOTION by Jim Leach to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Second by Glen Schumitz.
Motion carried unanimously.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret A. Clark
TOWN CLERK