



TOWN OF OXFORD

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OXFORD PARSKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF April 7, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OXFORD TOWN HALL

Call to Order

Vice Chair Tom Federowicz called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Present – Jim Leach, Joyce Silberkleit, Kenn Maher, Glen Schumitz, Christine Bavone
Director, Deb Gatto

Absent – Greg Baktis, Kelly Weymer, Elaine Raccio

Amendment to the Agenda – None

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 3/3/14.
Second by Kenn Maher. Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Audience of Citizens – None

Correspondence

H&D Catering - Peddler's permit application. Due to the time frame, the application was submitted to the Board of Selectmen prior to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The Board of Selectmen did approve the application at their 4/2/14 meeting contingent upon Parks & Recreation Commission approval.

MOTION by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the Peddlers Permit for H&D Catering of 13 Douglas Drive, with the following restrictions:

1. No Selling at Posypanko Park on Babe Ruth's Opening Day(Date TBA)
2. No Selling at Jackson Cove during "Summer Nights at the Beach" series (Tuesday Nights)

as approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting of 4/2/14. Second by Kenn Maher. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Bills – None

Treasurer's Report – None

Director's Report

Due to the weather, leagues were asked to delay their opening day in order for the fields to be prepared for practice ready. Most of the leagues did comply with this request.

Cedar Ridge will be putting in a picnic area at Jackson Cove at a cost of approximately \$2,000. The area will be graded and seeded. Four picnic tables have been ordered. The utility poles will be used to designate the picnic area and the additional parking.

Additional lights will be installed around and in the pavilion. A water spigot will also be installed.

A meeting was held to discuss the Hurricanes utilizing Oxford High's athletic fields on Saturdays and Sundays. In attendance were: Timothy Canneellan, School Superintendent, Rosemary Hanson, Director of Finance, Frank Savo, Principal Oxford High, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant, Deb Gatto and representatives of the Hurricanes.

Discussed was the need for fields by Town leagues. The Hurricanes noted their members come from all over the state with only two Oxford residents. Questions were asked why they did not meet in a centrally located place or different locations throughout the state. The Hurricanes said various Town were now charging them a fee to use the fields. Oxford is not, at this time, charging a fee.

The Hurricanes will not practice on the fields on Saturdays. They will stop practicing on Sundays in August when the Soccer League and the Oxford High's leagues start their seasons.

Board of Finance reviewed the budget proposal for FY 2014-2015.

Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 12. Deb Gatto asked for volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Christine Bavone noted the first open registration for Youth Football was held. Registration: Tackle (18), Cheerleading (20), Flag (50). Another open registration will be held in May. 160 kids registered for flag football last year.

Discussion was held on non-residents registering. About three Southbury parents asked if their children could register. Southbury does not have a youth football or flag football league. Concern was raised that if a limit is not set another Town could take over the league.

The Commission will ask the Youth Football to attend the next meeting to discuss their league regulations regarding non-residents. The league will be informed that the Commission is considering setting a limit of 20 % non-residents. This excludes Seymour residents as they have been part of the league for years.

Tetlak Park –The Town Engineer gave an estimate of \$835,000 for Phase I - one multi-purpose field and two softballs fields in by the fall. The committee is looking to get as much work done through donations as possible. The Town will be applying for a Matthies Foundation Grant and another grant for compost toilets. CL&P will not be working in the same area and said they would leave the gravel, to be used in the parking area. Mr. Schumitz will be meeting with the First Selectman, George Temple to discuss going out to bid

Lily Park – The caulking on the slide is separating. It will be inspected. Gordon Gramolini, Building Inspector said it could be due to the winter weather. \

Other Business

Discussion on purchasing a used van for \$1500. There is an allocation of \$20,000 for a new truck in the proposed capital plan for a new truck, which is needed. This would be an interim measure, as the present truck is old and any repairs have and would be costly.

MOTION by Kenn Maher to allocate \$1,500 for the purchase of a used van as an interim measure until a new truck can be replaced. Second by Jim Leach. Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kenn Maher to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Second by Joyce Silberklett. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL / Respectfully submitted

Cynthia Peck
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

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