



## **TOWN OF OXFORD**

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### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014 OXFORD TOWN HALL**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Elaine Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Present – Tom Federowicz, Kenn Maher, Christine Bavone, Kelly Weymer, Joyce Silberkleit,  
Glen Schumitz, Greg Baktis, and Director Deb Gatto.

Absent Jim Leach

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

**MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 4, 2013. Second by Tom Federowicz. Vote - Ayes (7) Abstain (1) J. Silberkleit. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

#### **Oxford Youth Football**

Todd Romagna and Kristi Cairo of the Youth Football League. Mr. Romagna explained that Youth Football had met with the Flag Football League about combining both leagues. Mr. Romagna asked if there were any regulations that would need to be followed, as Flag Football is under Parks & Recreation's umbrella.

Kristi Cairo explained that the present board has been running smoothly. They have their own by-laws and code of conduct and are run under the AYF rules. The major concern is what changes may result if the two leagues are combined.

The Commission asked for a copy of the league's by-laws. The Commission said it does not state how the leagues are run. The leagues are asked about any complaints that the Commission receives. Mrs. Gatto noted that Parks & Recreation leagues do get preference for use of school facilities. The Commission stated that good accounting practices need to be followed.

Mr. Romagna said that if this merger happens, the board would add another vice president and chairs to cover flag football concerns. Flag Football would have an immediate say in the league. He added that the matter still needs to be brought before the full Youth Football Cheerleading board before a final

decision is made.

Mrs. Cairo noted that this would be under the same umbrella as Oxford Youth Football and have flag football and AYF. The reason for this is for field usage availability and to get more volunteers. Combining the leagues is a natural progression for youth football.

### **Zingo Lacrosse**

Rich Allare and Dawn Hayes, 7 Meadow Drive, thanked the Commission for the opportunity for fields this spring.

Mrs. Gatto explained to the Commission that the soccer league was concerned that if they gave up fields they would never get them back. Mrs. Gatto noted she asked the High School about using a field. Both the soccer and lacrosse leagues will have a couple of nights on the wolverine field. The hurricanes are tentatively scheduled to use the high school fields on the weekends.

Mr. Allare asked about non-residents playing in the league. Mrs. Gatto noted that as it is a town league it is for residents only. However, leagues have occasionally asked for a percentage of non-residents players.

Mr. Allare said there is concern with the size of the town and the other sports activities that there may not be enough participants. They would be looking at asking Seymour, Beacon Falls and Woodbury to see if they would want to play in the league. He agreed that Oxford residents would have preference. Right now they know there is interest in the league, but cannot give a number of participants. The Commission will decide on the percentage of non-residents.

### **Peddler's Permit**

Reviewed application permit for Dad's Food Truck. Application is to sell at Jackson Cove during Parks & Recreation sponsored events. Mrs. Gatto noted that she is planning an event in August in which Lou Granato would be providing the food. Discussion on whether this would be considered catering and whether Mr. Granato would be able to sell any other time.

Mrs. Gatto said that Mr. Granato would be providing and be able to sell at this event. There is only a one time fee of \$25 for a seasonal peddler's permit. The application can specify when Mr. Granato can sell at Jackson Cove.

**MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to approve the peddler's permit application for Dad's Food Truck to sell at Jackson Cove for only specific Parks & Recreation events as approved by the Commission. Second by Kenn Maher. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**- None

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

### **Director's Report**

The summer concerts are booked.

### **Committee\Liaison Reports**

#### **Jackson Cove Committee**

Reviewed and discussed proposed rates for 2014.

**MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to approve the Jackson Cove rates for 2014 as presented by the Jackson Cove Committee. Second by Glen Schumitz. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

Tetlak Park Committee –

Glen Schumitz met with the Town Engineer, Brian Nesteriak to walk the site. Phase 1 is the multi purpose field with two softball fields. One at each end. Phase 2 would be basketball, volleyball and tennis courts and parking lot facility. This is all that can be done now with the sloping of the land and CL&P will be changing the wires and poles. Brian Nesteriak will get estimates possibly relocating the poles.

**Other Business**

Lacrosse - Discussion on the number of participants and the percentage of non-residents. This is the first year, so there is no way to tell how many kids will be registering.

The fee is \$70 - residents, \$80 - non-residents, \$25 per person to join US Lacrosse Association plus equipment.

**MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to welcome Zingo Lacrosse as a league under Parks & Recreation and to approve Zingo Lacrosse the use of Wolverine field on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a 60-40 percentage ratio of Oxford residents versus non-residents for the 2014 season only and this must be revisited prior to the 2015 registration season. Second by Kenn Maher. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers - 2014

**MOTION** Kelly Weymer to nominate Elaine Raccio as Chair. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to nominate Tom Federowicz as Vice-Chair. Second by Kenn Maher. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

**MOTION** Kenn Maher to nominate Jim Leach as Treasurer. Second by Glen Schumitz. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Tom Federowicz to nominate Kelly Weymer as Secretary. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Proposal 2014-2015

Reviewed and discussed proposal. Wage item was increased to cover minimum wage increase. Debbie Gatto will meet with First Selectman, George Temple to discuss wages for the maintenance personnel to clean up the athletic fields. A new truck was put into the budget request.

**MOTION** by Kelly Weymer to approve the proposed Parks & Recreation Commission 2014-2015 department budget as presented. Second by Joyce Silberkleit. Vote - All ayes.

Discussion on merger of Youth Football and Flag Football. The Commission stated that the three leagues need to keep separate accounting.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** Tom Federowicz to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. Second by Glen Schumitz. Vote – All

Ayes. Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia Peck".

Cynthia Peck  
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission

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*Margaret A. West*  
TOWN CLERK