



TOWN OF OXFORD

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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 7, 2022
Oxford Town Hall**

Call to Order: Glen Schumitz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Present: Christine Bavone, Jennifer Mahmood, Erik Guerra and Jennifer Wolyniec

Absent: Greg Baktis and Jason Opotzner

Staff: Kyra Nesteriak

Amendment to the Agenda: None

Audience of Citizens: Chuck Hite from Oxford Little League. He presented a proposal to install a batting cage and dugouts at Aggie Park.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Reviewed meeting minutes dated 1/3/22

MOTION: by Jennifer Mahmood to approve the 1/3/22 Regular Meeting minutes.
Second by Erik Guerra. 3 Ayes and 2 Abstain

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed appropriation summary as of 2/2/22.

MOTION: Jennifer Mahmood moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Glen Schumitz. Motion unanimously approved.

Director's Report:

Scheduling of the Oxford High School fields and rental income – it is unclear if the responsibility for scheduling will become part of Parks & Recreation after consultation with the designee at Oxford High School or if it will remain with the Oxford Board of Education Central Office purview. In addition, it is unclear where the revenue for rental of the fields to outside entities will go – to Parks and Recreation to be used for any improvements or additional maintenance that is needed to the fields or continue to go to the Board of Education Central Office. Waiting for clarification from the Superintendent after his discussion with the Board of Education.

Smash Factory has requested use of the High School baseball field and Oxford Middle School baseball field for the time period mid-June through beginning of November. I am

waiting to hear back from Babe Ruth as to if they need the middle school field during this timeframe. If they do not, then I will research what other towns charge for rental of baseball fields.

Capstone Project – an Oxford High School student will be running a 5K as their Capstone Project on April 24th. They will be using Great Oak Road and GOES, OMS & QFS for this. No leagues will have access to the fields until the afternoon. The affected leagues will be notified.

Day Trips – we are running weekend day trips again. They will be posted on the Wepage, Facebook and eblasted soon. Flyers are available upon request.

Town Lawns and Fields Maintenance Contract Bid that was emailed to you will be available to the public on February 15th. Mandatory pre-bid meeting will be February 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Bids are due to the Park & Recreation office by 11:00 a.m. on March 1st.

Drop in policy for exercise classes – there has been some confusion with the definition of “drop-in”. The intent is that this is so someone may come to try out the class to see if they like it and want to sign up for the session. It has been being interrupted as “drop in when you want and pay the drop in fee to the instructor”.

MOTION: Christine Bavone moved that effective immediately due to security, health and liability issues there will be no more drop ins allowed at Oxford Parks & Recreation programs and classes. Second by Glen Schumtitz. Motion unanimously approved.

Social Media Report:

Suggested use of ARAP funds – Turn the old Oxford Center School into a recreational/community center with a pool, splash pad and teen center.

Committee Reports: None

Adjournment:

MOTION: Jennifer Mahmood moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Second by Christine Bavone. Motion unanimously approved.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Kyra Nesteriak
Director Parks & Recreation

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Christopher A. West
TOWN CLERK