



TOWN OF OXFORD

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

Call to Order: Jennifer Mahmood called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
Present: Christine Bavone, Jennifer Wolyniec and Jason Opotzner

Absent: Glen Schumitz, Greg Baktis and Erik Guerra

Staff: Kyra Nesteriak

Amendment to the Agenda: None

Audience of Citizens: None

Review and Approval of Minutes: Reviewed meeting minutes dated 2/7/22

MOTION: by Christine Bavone to approve the 2/7/22 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Jennifer Wolyniec. 3 Ayes and 1 Abstain

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed appropriation summary as of 3/7/22.

MOTION: Christine Bavone moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Jennifer Wolyniec. Motion unanimously approved.

Director's Report:

Discussed the suggested Board of Selectman Parks & Recreation Budget for FY 2022-2023.

Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 16th rain or shine
- Will be doing two sessions by age as last year
 - 11:30-noon for PreK and K and 12:30-1:00 for 1st & 2nd

Huskies Summer Camp & Travel Camp

- Registration to open April 1st

Spring Leagues

- Requesting their normal field times

OHS Pool

- Closed March 26-April 11th ish for repairs
- No Otters or Open Swim during this time

Youth Basketball

- Discussion on an incident that occurred on March 3rd in the GOES cafeteria during the basketball games involving OMS students
- Working with the Youth Basketball President, Principal of OMS and the SRO at OMS on reparations and sanctions

Social Media Report:

Inquiries of when Huskies Summer Camp and Teen Travel Camp registration will open and what venues they will visit.

All Day Trip flyers through July are posted on our FaceBook Page.

Questions if we will be running another series of swim lessons at the OHS pool.

Music video was filmed at Jackson Cove Beach even though the gates were locked and there is a sign stating that the park is closed from November 15th through March 15th.

Committee Reports: None

Other Business:

On February 15th a request for bids for the Town Lawns and Athletic Fields Maintenance contract, which is overseen by the Parks and Recreation Commission/Department was posted. This contract now encompasses the Oxford High School property. We received a response from 3 contractors bidding for the job and the amounts ranged between \$255,000 and \$292,900. One bid did have a footnote that would potentially add an undetermined amount to the contract.

The Commission reviewed all of the bids and would like to recommend that the Board of Selectmen award a one (1) year contract (with the option for two (2) additional years) to The Nature's Edge, located at 54 Dorman Road in Oxford. The amount of the contract to be awarded is as follows: \$292,900.

The Commission arrived at this decision after a long and thoughtful debate.

MOTION: Jason Opotzner moved, based on the Commission's findings, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that The Nature's Edge be awarded the contract based on the following:

1. They have worked in Town having held this contract for the past 3 years and we have had a positive experience.
2. They have held the Oxford High School contract for the past 5 years. From discussions with the Central Office personnel involved in the overseeing of the contract they were satisfied with the work performed.
3. COVID-19 presented challenges however, this did not affect the work done by the Nature's Edge and in fact, they provided additional work when required.
4. They are a local company as preferred by the Administration.

Seconded by Jennifer Wolyniec. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Jennifer Mahmood moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 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 CLERK
Christine Bavone