



TOWN OF OXFORD

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING December 5, 2022

Call to Order: Glen Schumitz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Present: Christine Bavone, Erik Guerra, Jennifer Wolyniec and Jennifer Mahmood

Absent: Greg Baktis and Jay Opotzner

Staff: Kyra Nesteriak

Amendment to the Agenda: None

Audience of Citizens: None

Review and Approval of Minutes: Reviewed meeting minutes dated 11/7/22

MOTION: by Christine Bavone to approve the 11/7/22 Regular Meeting minutes.
Second by Erik Guerra. 3 Ayes and 1 Abstain.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed appropriation summary as of 12/5/22

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

Director's Report:

Turkey Shoot

- 50 contestants
- Positive feedback on the more challenging option that was added this year
- 1 turkey won
- 16 pies won
- A lot of stuffing & cranberry sauce won
- Modification for next year to improve event is to bring a portable adjustable height hoop for the younger kids as that the Oxford High School hoops do not lower

Tree Lighting

- Approximately 400 people attended
- Feedback was positive
- Modification for next year – hot chocolate will be made by Parks and Recreation Department and Oxford Ambulance Association rather than being purchased at Dunkin Donuts

Lights Fights Contest

- Deck the Halls Category – 9 entries

- Cousin Eddie Category – 1 entry
- Full Griswold Category – 2 entries
- Rocking Around the Christmas Tree Category – 0 entries
- Deadline to register is December 12th
- Judging is weekend of December 16th
- The Oxford Police Department, Center Fire House and Oxford Ambulance Association have done a great job decorating but are ineligible for our contest so instead they will be “battling for bragging rights” for best emergency responder lights display. New photos will be added to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page on December 15th and our followers will vote.

Re-Appointments

Christine Bavone, Erik Guerra and Jennifer Mahmood are on the Board of Selectman agenda for December 7th for re-appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to commence 1/1/23 and end 12/31/25.

Social Media Report:

There were posts inquiring why the named was changed from Christmas Tree Lighting to Holiday Tree Lighting.

There were posts regarding the Holiday Lights Fights Contest

Other Business:

MOTION: Glen Schumitz moved to accept the 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting dates. Second by Jennifer Mahmood. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Glen Schumitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Second by Christine Bavone. Motion unanimously approved.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Kyra Nesteriak
Director Parks & Recreation

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J. Mahmood
TOWN CLERK

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