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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oxford Plan of Conservation and Development Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

1:00 PM

S.B.Church Town Hall – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tanya Carver called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Tanya Carver, Pat Cocchiarella, Robbi Costigan, Kathy Johnson, Kathleen O'Neil, Andy McGeever, Brian Miller and Herman Schuler

Absent: Steve Macary,

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, August 8, 2017

Motion by Pat Cocchiarella to approve minutes. Second by Herman Schuler. All Ayes, abstain Robbi Costigan and Brian Miller.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Recommendations from Park and Rec.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Members Red Line Recommendations

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None

OTHER

Any other items the Committee deems necessary for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pat Cocchiarella to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Second by Kathy Johnson. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanya Carver

Chairman

Oxford Plan of Conservation and Development Committee

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret A. Olson
TOWN CLERK



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Parks and Recreation
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Memorandum

Date: August 17, 2017

To: Tanya Carver

From: Kyra Nesteriak

Re: Plan of Conservation & Development

Message: Attached is our portion. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks.

5. Town Owned Parks & Recreation

Recreational facilities that are located throughout the Town are owned and maintained by a number of local and regional agencies. The maintenance of Town-owned parks is the responsibility of the local Park and Recreation Commission.

In addition to the Town Green, located on Oxford Road (Route 67) near Academy Road, and Victory Memorial Park, further south, Oxford has ~~three~~ recreational parks.

A. Posypanko Park

Posypanko Park located on Hawkins Road was sold to the Town in 1966 for \$5,000 by the Nicholas Posypanko estate for recreation purposes. The 16.5-acre tract contains ball fields and a batting cage, ~~tennis courts~~, a basketball court, a concessions stand/storage facility and playground. The Town's ~~Little League~~ ^{Base} League teams use this park for games and practice.

B. Jackson Cove Park

Jackson Cove Park on Lake Zoar was purchased from the Connecticut Light and Power Company in 1969. The park offers a quiet beach with a large pavilion and 27 acres of woodland trails. Use of the park requires a permit and it is primarily used for swimming, water skiing, boating, and hiking. The Park is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day by permit only. A ~~new~~ pavilion, built by the Oxford Lions Club at Jackson Cove, was dedicated to the Town in 2002.

C. Oxford Glen

Oxford Glen, ^{is} located on Roosevelt Drive, ~~is the Town's newest park~~. A former gravel mine, the property was donated to the Town during the 1960's. The 3-acre park offers a ~~ball~~ ^{softball} field and a soccer field.

D. Victory Memorial Park

Victory Memorial Park is a small wooded parcel just south of the Oxford Green on Oxford Road (Route 67). The park is the site of a memorial dedicated to veterans of the community.

E. The Oxford loop of the Pomperaug Trail

A ~~new~~ hiking trail, known as the Oxford loop of the Pomperaug Trail provides scenic views of the Housatonic River. The loop consists of a 4.6 mile trail extending from Fiddlehead Road to Kettletown State Park. The trail was blazed

by volunteers from the Connecticut Forest Parks Association along with members from the Oxford Land Trust and community residents. It was put into use on June 4, 1994 as the first completed trail segment of the Housatonic River Belt Greenway.

F. Ball Fields (see attached sheet)

Additional ~~ball fields~~ are located at Oxford Center School and Great Oak Middle School. Great Oak Middle School also has an outdoor track and tennis courts.

G. Kirk's Pond

Kirk's Pond, located on Route 67 near the Town Hall is available for youth fishing and ice-skating. The Annual Oxford Parks + Recreation and Seymour Fishing Rodeo is held here.

H. Adult and Children's Programs

The Town's recreation department offers a variety of men's and women's softball, volleyball, and basketball intramural leagues. Women's aerobics, ~~and~~ Zumba ~~and~~ co-ed basketball league are also offered. The intramural activities take place on a year-round basis and are conducted primarily at the Great Oak Middle School, ~~and~~ Oxford Center School. and Quaker Farms School.

Programs for children include Babe Ruth Baseball, soccer, basketball, ~~and~~ Oxford Warner Football, fishing rodeo, ~~dance classes~~, flag football, little league softball, and a summer day camp, summer teen travel camp, Easter Egg Hunt, Trick-or-Treat, Turkey Shoot and Tree Lighting.

The Park and Recreation Commission also offer a number of trips and special events each year to popular out-of-state spots for concerts, plays, ball games and shopping. The destinations vary from year to year but typically have included Newport, New York, and Boston.

I. Connecticut State Parks

Oxford is bordered by several state parks. These include:

- Kettletown State Park
- Southford Falls State Park
- Naugatuck State Forest
- Larkin Bridge Trail

A. Kettletown State Park Rockhouse Sanctuary

The Kettletown State Park is a 220-acre park that offers camping, swimming, hiking and a picnic area. It is accessible from Kettletown Road in Southbury.

B. The Larkin Bridle Trail

The Larkin Bridle Trail passes through the Town's industrial zone, and is a favorite of area equestrians.

C. The Naugatuck State Forest

The Naugatuck State Forest is comprised of 365-acres of forestland and is used primarily for hiking and picnicking.

D. Southford Falls

Located on Route 188, Southford Falls is a 115-acre park bisected by Eight Mile Brook. Scenery, including a cascading waterfall, covered bridge and lush foliage, make the park a popular locale. A dam, stocked with trout, provides good fishing in the springtime and ice-skating in the winter. The park also has hiking trails, a pavilion and picnic benches.

Pedestrian access to all recreational facilities is limited as the Town currently does not have a formal pedestrian or bicycle trail system.

E. Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary
(see attached)

To be added to the current document:

Jackson Cove

The Pavilion can be rented by Oxford residents or organizations for a fee. Recreational activities are scheduled here in the summer months as well as free concerts are held there in the summer.

Agnes Tetlak Schiavi Park

"Aggie Park" is the Oxford's newest park. It consists of approximately 97 acers. Two-thirds of this will be used for passive recreation. It will have hiking and horseback riding trails as well as a picnic areas along Eight Mile Brook. The remainder will be used for active recreation. Currently, there is a multi-purpose field as well as 2 softball fields. More is planned for the future.

Ball/Multi-Use Fields

A multi-use field is offered at Quaker Farms and Oxford Center School and is used by the Oxford Soccer and Oxford Flag Football leagues. Soccer, baseball and softball fields are available at Oxford Center School and Great Oak Middles School. They are used by the Oxford Soccer League, the Oxford Little League, Babe Ruth League and adult leagues.

Lily Park

Located on Great Oak Road across from Great Oak Middle School. The playground consists of two playscapes – one for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years and a second for children ages 5-12 years. There are swings and slides, poles to climb, ladders to scale, beams to balance on, sand to dig and build upon and a cabin to hide in. More than 90 percent of this playground was constructed of recycled materials and it is ADA Compliant. The purchase and construction of the park has been augmented by grants and private donations.

Ryan's Courts

Ryan's Courts are the Town's tennis courts located across from Quaker Farms School on Great Oak Road. Ryan's Courts were developed through a donation by the Vernoooy family in memory of their son, Ryan Vernoooy. The courts are available 7 days a week until 10:00 p.m. during the regular season which runs March 15th-November 15th. There is timed lighting available.

Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary

The Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary (RHS) is 600, town-owned acres of preserved, forested watershed of Four Mile Brook and the Housatonic River. The Town and the Oxford Land Trust share land-management responsibilities. Over the last 10 years, 15 miles of trails have been developed and upgraded by the Oxford High School Youth Conservation Corps (OHS YCC), through Boy Scout Eagle projects, and by members of the Land Trust. Tens of thousands of volunteer hours have been invested and additional work has been ongoing.

Funds for trail development have been provided by the Town of Oxford, the State of Connecticut, the Valley Community Foundation, the Oxford Denzler Foundation and through private donations. Materials and work have been donated by Earthworks and the Town of Oxford.

The following is the Wish List that the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to add:

Aggie Park

- Complete Phase 2 – 1 tennis court, 2 volleyball courts and 2 baseball fields;
- Add lights, permanent bathroom facilities, press box, concession stand, irrigation system, playground and park benches.

Ryan' Courts & Lily Park

- Add permanent bathroom facilities.

Jackson Cove

- Complete the kitchen in the pavilion;
- Install a plug for a generator hook-up on the outside wall near the bathrooms;
- Install a fence (similar to the one at the front gate) to block off the grass area used for concerns from the parking area;
- Add pavers to the sand walkway;
- Extend the boat dock.

Posey Panko Park

- Add lights and a 2nd press box;
- New bleachers.

Current Fields – Quaker Farms, Oxford center School, Great Oak Middle School

- Upgrade all fields;
- Add team benches to all fields.

Oxford Center School

- Turn into Parks and Recreation/Community Center;
- Upgrade playground and fields;
- Make gym bigger.

Misc.

- More hiking and biking trails

- Dog park
- Skate park
- New basketball courts by Ryan's Courts
- Splash pad