

OXFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Commission was held on November 13, 2007 at 20 W. Burdick St. Oxford, Michigan.

Chairman Laidler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Laidler, Alyse Prince, Lynda Mueller, Sharon Kline, and Theresa Myer

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ron Davis, Becky Paquin, Dan Sullivan, Lauren Jacobsen, Jeff Kinasz, and Erin Mash

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Prince moved, Kline seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Kline moved, Myer seconded to approve the minutes of October 9, 2007 as presented.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

Mueller arrived at 7:35 pm

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Prince moved, Myer seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$105,305.17 as presented.

Ayes: Laidler, Kline, Myer, Prince, Mueller

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

RECREATION DEVELOPER REPORT

Jacobsen reported that the Road Rally was a success; the Jack-O-Jam had been rained out on the 27th and moved to the 28th. The Turkey Trot was held and there were 34 on site registrations. There were approximately 69 participants total in the event. She also reported that the winter brochure had been sent to the printer and the VIP registration night would be held on November 20th. Jacobsen also indicated that she had applied for the MRPA Foundation scholarship.

Sullivan introduced Erin Mash the new aquatic supervisor. He reported that volleyball was in mid season, girls basketball would be ending at the end of the month, and boy's basketball registration will end at the end of the month. Sullivan also indicated he had applied for the MRPA Foundation scholarship.

PARKS REPORT

Kinasz reported that Seymour Lake Park had been winterized, and that more than 50 ash trees were removed. Kinasz also reported that Wal-Mart in Utica had made a donation of light and miscellaneous fixtures. The new DNR officer will patrol trouble spots at Oakwood. The maintenance department is working on removal of leaves at Stony. The restrooms at Seymour have been started, the perk test was done, and Ray Vantine will be working on the well after Thanksgiving.

SENIOR REPORT

Paquin reported that Donna Martin has passed the safe food certification course. The Meals on wheels program at the Vet's Hall has been postponed. Paquin met with Carla Spradin at Oakland County (CDBG) regarding block grant monies. Paquin had received a copy of the deed (from Oakland County) for the Vet's Hall. The Veterans restrictions on the deed indicated that if a community center was built, the Vet's Hall would be sold at fair market value and the proceeds used at the new center. There was no indication of senior usage. Paquin reported that the MASC Conference was great. Over ninety-five people attended from around the State.

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Davis reported that the progress of the restrooms at Seymour Lake Park is going well. Davis thanked Bob Tedsco of Silverado Custom Homes, Bob Turner of Oxford, Nate Grove, Stor-N-Lock, Pioneer Door, Tim Acton TKMS Trucking, and Ray Vantine for their support and donations to the project. Davis indicated that the Township Board would not waive the fees associated with the building of the restrooms. Kniffen and Beinke were the only two who supported waiving the fees. Tom Berger the acting building inspector offered to waive his fees but couldn't.

Davis also reported that last Saturday, the department hosted an AAU State Cross Country meet, which was held at Oxford Hills Golf Course. He thanked Bob Hubbard and staff for their work on the meet.

Davis said that the KLR Committee is rolling along. Shirts are available for purchase at the Parks and Recreation office for \$2.00.

The MRPA Conference will be held in Traverse City this year, and Davis encouraged the Commission to attend.

The Executive Director of Michigan Recreation and Park Associations contract was not renewed.

ACCESS TO RECREATION GRANT

Davis gave the Commissioners a copy of the grant application. He explained that \$100,000 would come from the Parks and Recreation budget, \$50,000 from local organizations, and \$240,000 from the Kellogg Foundation. The decision about the grant will be made on December 15, 2007.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Commission approved the closing of the office on December 26, 27, and 28th.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Davis met with Dr. Skilling, Davis reported that the department had not been charged any facility fees yet and they are still working on it.

Laidler said he didn't like the \$30,000 loss on the pool, and to give it a couple of months to see if we are still losing money; revisit the topic then.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Davis and the personnel committee will meet as soon as possible.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Prince apologized about missing the meeting last month. She congratulated Jacobsen on becoming a taxpayer.

Davis thanked Meijer and Kalloway's for their participation in the Turkey Trot and the Road Rally. Davis wished Berger a happy birthday. He also indicated that the float for the Christmas parade would be centered on the KLR Splash Pad. Davis thanked Royster for her assistance on the grant and thanked everyone for their patience while he was working on it.

Davis said he was pleased that he had not had any complaints on Sullivan's programs. He also reminded the Commissioners that elections would be next year and he wants all of them back!

ADJOURN

Prince moved, Myer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried

Rick Laidler, Chairman

Theresa Myer, Secretary

Approved: December 11, 2007