

OXFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES APRIL 15, 2008

A regular meeting of the Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Commission was held on April 15, 2008 at 20 W. Burdick St. Oxford, Michigan.

Chairman Laidler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Sharon Kline

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mueller moved, Prince seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Prince moved, Myer seconded to approve the minutes of March 11, 2008.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Mueller moved, Myer seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$101,167.57 as presented.

Ayes: Laidler, Mueller, Prince, Myer

Nays: None

Absent: Kline

Motion Carried

**RECREATION DEVELOPER REPORT**

Sullivan reported that youth softball and youth soccer was starting. The kiddie kickers program is full. Signups are going well for all of the youth sport programs. There is an over 30 coed soccer league this year, and the drop in club numbers are on a downturn since the weather has gotten nicer. The aquatics second session has started started. Cuts to the program were done as much as possible, and the department's loss will be \$10,000 not \$30,000. The OHS Band Boosters will be running the concessions at Seymour Lake Park this summer. Robert Martin will be the liaison between the band boosters and us. The Parks and Recreation department will be purchasing the supplies, and the band boosters sell it, pay us our costs and then split the profit between the kids and parents who worked the booth. Sullivan is in the process of obtaining equipment for the concession stand and is still looking for a refrigerator. The department helped out the women's soccer team at the high school by letting them use our softball fields.

Jacobsen reported that there were approximately 115 – 120 children at the Easer Bunny Bonanza. We had the event at Oxford High School because of the weather and it worked out well. Rough Tough Truck information was mailed to companies today and she is working on fall brochure information.

**PARKS REPORT**

Kinasz reported the WAM workers from Oakland County were out working at the Vet's Hall, raking roads, and cleaning bathrooms. They will be working all summer and fall. Water tests at Seymour are in and waiting for results. The soccer fields are ready, and the Lacrosse field for the High School team has been prepared. Kinasz received a nice thank you from the team. Kinasz also said there was a community service worker who wants to dry wall the new bathrooms.

**SENIOR REPORT**

Paquin reported that the Vet's Hall had been repainted, ceiling tiles replaced, molding replaced, and the basement cleaned out. She thanked the maintenance department for their hard work, and said that the WAM workers were great. The opening day on the big screen TV had approximately 53 in attendance. Popcorn, hotdogs, cracker jacks, and soda were served. The meals-on-wheels program did not work and has been cancelled for the time being. Davis and Paquin met with Barb Kozma and Betty Raczka regarding the senior programs at the Vet's Hall. Paquin also noted that an open house at the Vet's Hall during Celebrate Oxford was being planned.

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**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Davis reported that he would be meeting with a representative regarding a cell tower at Seymour Lake Township Park. He did not have any update yet, but would keep the Commission informed. Davis, Laidler, and Mueller have a facility cost meeting with Dr. Skilling on April 23. Davis also said he is chairing a school facilities task force. Davis also reminded the commission of the upcoming golf outings: July 11, 2008 Dream Developers, August 1, 2008 Bogie Monster (sold out), and on October 3, a golf outing in memory of Ray Davis would be held. Davis also reported a movie night on the big screen was being planned at Devil's Ridge Golf Course. The Bee movie will be shown at dark. Davis thanked Jeff for the Lacrosse work.

**KLR STATUS**

Davis asked that the KLR project and monies be delayed until next year. Mueller moved, Prince seconded that of the \$100,000.00 budgeted for the Splash Pad this year, any money left over on 12/31/08 in that line item be carried over to the 2009 budget for the same item.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

**PROJECT GRADUATION**

Myer moved, Mueller seconded to allow Project Graduation to set up a tent to sell shoes at the 5K run/walk at Seymour Lake Park as a fund raiser.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent 1

Motion Carried

**FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Davis received quotes from a fence company for the 16,000 lineal feet of fence at Oakwood Lake Park. The four foot fence is approximately \$55,212 and the eight foot high fence is approximately \$73,000.

Davis also received quotes for a playground at Powell Lake Park. The first was \$38,000 and the second was \$41,000.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Paquin said that she had received a nice thank you note from the senior group in Lake Orion. They enjoyed the big screen Tiger Game. Paquin also thanked Kinasz again, as well as Donna & Jake Martin and her husband Larry for their assistance at the Vet's Hall.

Dan informed the Commission that new signs were being made for Oakwood and Stony.

Lauren said that the Lacrosse fields looked great.

Prince asked about the tennis courts. Davis said that he and Dr. Skilling would be looking at this.

Myer was thrilled that the Lacrosse team got so much support. She is also glad the band boosters would be running the concession stands.

Davis announced that Mike Berger and his wife had a baby girl Avery Clair Berger. He also announced that Phil Castonia and his wife also had a baby girl Emma Rose Castonia.

Laidler explained that he had attended the Township Board meeting in Ron Davis absence regarding the fence issue at Stony Lake Park. There were approximately 75 people in attendance for the meeting and the Township Board agreed that the old deeds over ride any rules or laws on file. Laidler said he expressed that Ordinance 56 needs to be clarified. Do we enforce it or not?

Davis thanked Laidler for attending the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Prince moved, Myer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

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Rick Laidler, Chairman  
Approved: May 13, 2008

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Theresa Myer, Secretary