

OXFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES MARCH 11, 2008

A regular meeting of the Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Commission was held on March 11, 2008 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, Sharon Kline, Lynda Mueller and Theresa Myer

Members Absent: None

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: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Prince moved, Kline seconded to approve the minutes of as amended.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Kline moved, Prince seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$115,539.34 as presented.

Ayes: Laidler, Prince, Kline, Mueller, Myer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

RECREATION DEVELOPER REPORT

Jacobsen reported that the Mother Son event was held on Friday at Devil's Ridge. There were 158 participants and the boys enjoyed their gifts of gumball machines and Pistons Posters.

She also reported that the Easter Bunny Bonanza had been changed to the gymnasium at Oxford High School due to the weather. Jacobsen also reported that she had taken a phone call from someone in California regarding the splash pad, and another donation would be made in Ginny Britton's memory.

Sullivan reported that the Splash Pad information on our web page had been donated by Michelle Overton of OCS Design who created the site originally. Sullivan shared the aquatic report and noted that we were still on the positive side. He also reported that boy's basketball had finally finished, the youth soccer meeting would be held Thursday and numbers for that program are up from the fall. Girls softball deadline has been extended a week, and one child from Oxford will be shooting the MRPA Hoops Challenge at the Palace of Auburn Hills in mid April. He is adding the Skate Zone programs to the spring brochure, we are still taking registrations for softball, the drop in sports are still going, and he is looking into new volleyball nets. Sullivan said that Warren Skeet would be running our track program for youth this year at the High School Track.

Regarding the signs at the parks, a new welcome sign will be put in at Oakwood, two soccer signs at Seymour and 2 beach signs at Stony.

PARKS REPORT

Kinasz reported that Bruce Knauf had started working on the bathrooms. Davis knows someone who will be donating plumbing supplies.

Kinasz reported that he had met with Primo Fencing at Oakwood and will get back with him on what to use at that park.

The maintenance department had built a new hay wagon this winter, and the maintenance department will be ordering supplies from Cintas such as soap, toilet paper etc. Kinasz also reported that Berger is in the process of setting up the WAM group to work at the parks on Thursday's through the summer.

SENIOR REPORT

Paquin reported that she had been working on finishing the brochure. She also reported that she contacted the Lake Orion Home Depot and Glidden Paint donated 20 gallons of paint for

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the Veteran's Memorial Center. She reported that Treasurer Ferrari had approved the purchase of ceiling tiles, and other supplies to use in the Vet's Hall. Work on the hall will begin shortly. The Meals on Wheels program had not been accepted very well, and the seniors are doing potlucks while bringing in Pizza, McDonalds for days there are no potlucks. The senior softball league is looking for a few more players, Health Quest will be running several free presentations this spring including Aging with ease, and over coming Osteoarthritis. There were more than 50 people signed up for the Comerica Park opening day Tiger game on the big screen TV. She also advised the Commission that she is looking for a sponsor to fund a trip to Mackinaw for the Walk Michigan Program.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Davis said that the language for the election on August 6th millage renewal had been approved. Davis also said that he had attended the Strategic Planning Session with the Oxford School District and that the four day event was fantastic. The plan will be presented on the 25th at the Board meeting at Oxford High School at 7:30 pm. Davis indicated that an outdoor movie night would be held at Devil's Ridge this July. He also indicated that he had a meeting with a cell phone company regarding a cell tower in Seymour Lake Park and will report back. There is \$18,000 CDBG money set aside for asphalt at Seymour. The project will be in June or July of this year. The grant to purchase new trees will be used this fall.

ROUGH TOUGH TRUCKS – TRACTOR PULL

Davis introduced Nelson Kage who asked to have a Tractor Pull at Seymour Lake Township Park. One of their club representatives explained that there would be four classes, and would go no faster than 5 mph and the tractors would be no more than 50 horsepower. Davis checked with the risk management company and asked about the event. The company told Davis that it would be considered a high-risk event. Davis will contact Oakland County regarding their 4H Tractor Pull and the specifics. Laidler said sorry "no pull" unless you come up with what the insurance company wants.

OXFORD'S RELAY FOR LIFE – AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Mueller moved, Prince seconded the approval of the Oxford Relay for Life Team using the Oxford Township Parks and Recreation tent as they did last year.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

COMMISSION MEETING TIME

Myer moved, Prince seconded to change and post the meeting time for the Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to 7:00 p.m.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

KLR SPLASH PAD

Davis announced that he had received \$192,000 of the \$240,000 Access to Recreation grant. He also said that Oxford Bank had donated \$10,000 to the project. There was a Poker Tournament held and approximately \$7,000 was raised as well. There will be a flower garden installed at the splash pad in memory of Ginny Britton. Davis is meeting with Mike Engan and Vortec for the rock bottom price to determine if the splash pad will be done this summer or 2009.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Davis announced that the department is helping with the Lacrosse field behind the Baptist Church on Pontiac St.; we will help the team line and keep the field up. Davis also announced that \$83,000 had been put toward our Fund Equity last year.

Jacobsen thanked the Commission for listening to the information about the Tractor Pull.

Myer said that working with the Lacrosse team is great for the school and Parks and Recreation.

Myer and Laidler congratulated Paquin on her daughters wedding.

Davis announced that Tim Schreiner the Director of Traverse City Parks and Recreation would be leaving Parks and Recreation and now will be working for the State of Michigan.

Prince moved, Myer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
Motion Carried

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Rick Laidler, Chairman

Theresa Myer, Secretary

Approved: April 15, 2008