



MINUTES OXFORD RECREATION BOARD

Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 Second Floor Conference Room

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT 11:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bennett called the Oxford Recreation Board meeting to order at 11:35am.

2. Roll Call

Present: Craig Bennett; Alex Beissel; Ken Bogard; Alex French and Holli Hansel

Absent: Jake Richardson

Staff Present: Casey Wooddell and Deanna Barbour

3. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda May 5, 2023

1st Holli Hansel 2nd Alex French

AYE # 5

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2023

(Voice Vote) 1st Alex French 2nd Holli Hansel

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5. Reports

Mr. Wooddell provided the map of the Oxford Community Park and the layout for Freedom Fest on July 3rd, 2023. Mr. Wooddell advised that alcohol should be approved to be sold at the event, per City Council. However, the Chamber is applying to the State and will be the permit holder. Also, the Lions Club will be volunteering to serve the product to the community during the event and they will keep all revenue from the beverages sold. Those funds will go back into assisting the community.

Mr. Wooddell noted products would only be sold from 5:00pm - 9:00pm, keeping a buffer

between the time sold and the end of the event.

Mr. Bogard asked if traffic control would be there. Mr. Wooddell stated yes, they would be on site.

Ms. Hansel added that neighboring communities have added this and thinks it's time for us to add something new also. Mr. Wooddell agreed and added just waiting for state approval of the Chamber requested permit.

Mr. Wooddell advised new entertainment has been added along with more fireworks that will be set off closer for viewing.

Still searching for a funnel cake provider. Holli Hansel added she may have a contact and will forward info to Mr. Wooddell.

Ms. French asked is there going to be a social media campaign for this event? Mr. Wooddell is checking on that.

6. Old Business

Epic Cup

Mr. Wooddell noted the Epic Cup played half their games on Sunday overall. First weekend all games were played and this Saturday was a good play day. Mr. Biessel asked how are the fields today?

Mr. Wooddell noted Dustin walked the fields and said they looked pretty good.

Lifeguard Class

Mr. Wooddell advised Friday, Saturday and Sunday we are running a free lifeguard training class for 10 new lifeguards.

Oxford Aquatic Center Opening day

Opening day is on Monday, Memorial Day this year due to school closing late this year we need the weekend to train staff before opening.

Playground at OCP

Mr. Wooddell said early July we will install new turf and equipment for the ADA Whirl.

McCullough Hyde Foundation

We have been asked to submit some ideas to the McCullough Hyde Foundation on any needs our department may have. One item that came to mind was adding an outdoor shelter that is an extension but also a covering for summer camp. That is one idea we will submit. Anything related to health, safety etc. Mr. Beissel said more lights are needed on the outfields for soccer is an option. Gives more options to move fields around to help save field. Mr. Beissel added checking into grants from USA Soccer, NFL Football are also options for lighting.

Dog Park

Mr. Bennett asked if there had been any more conversation about a dog park. Mr. Wooddell said yes, it's in the 5 year CIP. Ms. Hansel noted there was another area she'd seen that's being used as a dog park. Mr. Wooddell noted he would take a look. Mr. Bennett said they discussed another

dog park area near Yaeger stadium in the past.

Free Rendition of additional Gym Space at the TRI

Mr. Wooddell displayed a drawing done for free by Level and B showing what a new gym space addition could look like. They put together a cost estimate and site plan that definitely had a smaller number to work with, estimating around \$6.9 million. Mr. Wooddell added there would be a mezzanine area that would be perfect for batting cages etc. Mr. Beissel noted that with a little more height it could be used for volleyball as well. Mr. Bennett added or for younger kids basketball also. Ms. Hansel asked if there is a design request current folks in the TRI want to see in the renovation. Mr. Wooddell added yes.

7. New Business

Talawanda

Ms. Hansel noted softball and baseball were going and Talawanda hosted the SWOC Middle School track and field event and the SWOC Tennis Championships.

Ms. Hansel advised Talawanda's fall fee schedule will have a significant increase and will go up to \$900 per sport. There was a break for the last 5 years and really should not have stopped. It used to be \$150 per sport and now it's jumping to \$900 with no family discount or cap. If you qualify you can pay for free or reduced rate. It's \$350 at the Middleschool. Mr. Bennett asked what about cheer and band. Ms. Hansel said yes, "Cheer and band are included as well. Ms. Hansel is really concerned about the music program, they currently have such a variety like jazz band, steel drum band and with these fees she doesn't know how these will fare.

Ms. Hansel stated Mr. Richardson held his cool in the last meeting and was very good at explaining the situation. Ms. Hansel said he spoke on the need to stay focused on league sanctioned sports so our youth can stay competitive. However, Ms. Hansel noted there are sports that don't belong to a league. Mr. Bogard asked can you make an appeal to the Community Foundation? Ms. Hansel thinks there is room for that and a potential for that but this is a great deal of money.

Mr. Wooddell asked is there a date Talawanda is going out for another levy? Ms. Hansel said yes, there is an interest to go but with the outcome of Ross and Edgewoods recent fails, it's hard to know when to go. Mr. Bennett noted he thinks it needs to go back on the ballot when there is presendential election to hopefully get the numbers.

Mr. Wooddell asked was there a sport by sport comparison done when figuring out the fee's for each sport and program?

Mr. Beissel noted from a Miami perspective, he thinks the University needs to look into a cost benefit analysis to save the local school district because in the long run it's going to save them money down the road.

Ms. Hansel stated we've had to tolerate our state legislature and it has to come from the state

because where we're at is not sustainable. The state needs to come up with a base rate per kid, adding she's sick to hear of all the funding that goes to other areas when each kid is as valuable as the next.

Summer Meetings

Ms. French stated City Council is taking a break for the first meeting in July.

Mr. Wooddell noted our June meeting will be Ken Bogard's last meeting.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Bennett motioned to adjourn at 12:36pm

1st Ms. Hansel; 2nd Ms. French

Meeting adjourned