



MINUTES
OXFORD RECREATION BOARD
OXFORD MUNICIPAL BUILDING 15 S. COLLEGE AVE.
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 AT 11:30 AM

Call to Order

The Oxford Recreation Board was called to order by Casey Wooddell on March 11, 2024 at 11:35am.

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jacob Young, Chair; Craig Bennett; Adam Beissel and Alex French

Absent: Holli Hansel and Jake Richardson

Staff members present: Casey Wooddell and Deanna Barbour

Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda for the March 11, 2024 Oxford Recreation Board meeting.

1. Approval of agenda for the 3/11/2024 Oxford Recreation Board meeting.

Motion - To Approve

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Mr. Young

AYE # 4

NAY # 0

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Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from the December 2023 Oxford Recreation Board meeting.

1. Approval of minutes for the 12/11/2023 Oxford Recreation Board meeting.

Motion - To Approve

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Bennett 2nd Mr. Beissel

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2. Approval of minutes from the January 31, 2024 Annual Joint Meeting with the Talawanda Recreation, Inc. and Oxford Recreation Board.

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Motion To Approve

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Bennett 2nd Mr. Beissel

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Old Business

New Business

1. Review Proposals for Merry Day Park Playground Project

Mr. Wooddell distributed the proposals for the new Merry Day Park playground project.

He discussed and let the board see what kind of amenities, variety of structures and warranty each proposal provided.

Mr. Wooddell advised Midstates Recreation did the project at the community park adding the project went smoothly. The ADA whirl had a few problems upfront, but they took care of all issues.

Mr. Wooddell distributed the RFP that was posted, showing the front page listing the playground design, stating the listing was intentionally written in a manner to see what each provider could come up with.

Mr. Wooddell stated the back and bottom of the RFP lists the basics of what we're looking for and then categories listed for each are for you to rate their score for each packet.

Mr. Wooddell stated he would like to know what each board member sees in the packets and their thoughts on what was turned in.

Mr. Wooddell said look at the variety, different color schemes, sizes to accommodate different age kids, etc. Mr. Beissel asked is surface all wood chips? Mr. Wooddell stated yes.

Mr. Young - PES - are aware of our desire to be ADA friendly? Mr. Wooddell noted mulch is ADA compliant and once it's punched down with some wear, it's easier to maneuver on.

Ms. French noted Burke has lots of ropes and cables in their plan.

Mr. Beissel and Mr. Bennett both stated Midstates had pretty basic options.

Mr. Beissel said the Playcraft option 2 covers the older age range and would be more inclusive. Option 1 will not be as feasible with only ages 2-5.

Mr. Wooddell stated DWA (Gametime) built the playground next to the TRI at the tot lot and the original one at the community park.

Mr. Bennett stated PES is offering a lot more options compared to the others.

Ms. French and Mr. Beissel stated they like Burke and PES the most.

Mr. Beissel likes Burke and their accessibility aspect.

Mr. Bennett chose Burke and PES.

Mr. Wooddell noted Burke is actually Snider Recreation.

Mr. Beissel added next step would be looking at the warranty.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Young added going back to the PES option, is offering something that we already offer in many locations.

Ms. French stated the warranty with Burke is all Steele and has a 100 year warranty.

Mr. Beissel said PES has a more basic structure and Burke has an a more elaborate structure. All have wood chips as the base.

Mr. Bennett asked do you have another group of people to see these. Mr. Wooddell asked if any one has an interest and time to do official scoring on these options, by the end of the week, adding you can keep all these copies to take with you and email Mr. Wooddell the scores. Mr. Young offered to do the scoring for the Merry Day Park project.

Mr. Wooddell advised he will have Ms. White, Parks and Recreation maintenance score them as well.

2. City Council 2024 Action Items and 2025 Research Items

Mr. Wooddell received an email from Jessica Greene letting us know what city council is looking for in 2025.

From Parks and Recreation, they want us to support partnerships; to complete the Merry Day Park playground renovation, (funds from CDBG have been delayed with funds not releasing until June, then timeline is still September) and construct a new dog park to meet the demands of the community by October 2024.

Mr. Wooddell advised the RFP will be released later this spring, with a pretty simple layout. Our budget is \$90,000, which should get us fencing, benches etc. The streets department will assist with the parking lot area. Mr. Wooddell noted parking blocks will be added in that area to accommodate parking. Mr. Bennett stated of all things this will be something that people will give money too, adding in Oxford people highly value their dogs. Mr. Wooddell stated the only downfall is the lack of shade but eventually some trees will be planted to help with that.

Mr. Wooddell noted an opportunity for us to support partnerships will be assisting the Oxford and Miami Space Race and eventually a half Marathon in 2025 - Ms. French noted will have at least 60 volunteers attend.

2024 goal - partnership

TRI and the future upgrade

Mr. Beissel asked if there is any progress with the senior center? Mr. Wooddell stated he believes they have the desire to work with the idea but not sure if they have the financial capacity.

Mr. Wooddell advised the TRI Grounds will be hosting the GOBA event coming in June. There will be up to 1000 people tent camping on site this year, June 17, 18 and 19. Ms. French noted some really fun programming from Enjoy Oxford will bring a lot of people to the city this year and and Enjoy Oxford is the host organization. Ms. French said bringing people in is good for the businesses uptown.

OPRD will also partner with Enjoy Oxford to work with uptown events, Chocolate Meltdown, and the eclipse events.

Mr. Wooddell noted those items are the main city council goals for us for 2024.

Mr. Beissel stated he still wants lights at the community park for the fields. He would love to do a study of what lights would cost to extend the usage of it and also then be able to host tournaments, etc.

Mr. Wooddell noted he will add this to his research list to look into. Mr. Beissel asked is the park wired for lights underground? Mr. Beissel noted there's not a dedicated space for flag football and it would be nice for them to have a dedicated space. Obviously not something that's going to happen in the near future, but looking at donors that could make this happen.

Mr. Wooddell asked what about practices being held on the TRI field since there are lights on that field.

Mr. Beissel stated even though he's on the soccer board he sees the growth in the flag football sport and sees the need for their own green space to play.

Mr. Wooddell gave some general updates about the upcoming solar eclipse.

Currently Saturday - all things are set up to go. Sunday - space race and then a movie in the uptown parks. Monday - Parks and Recreation is in charge of the watch party at OCP and there will be a watch location in the uptown parks as well. Everything we are hearing from the county EMA is people are coming and we will work with this as best as we can.

Mr. Young stated looks like a good viewing day on the weather app, no clouds and no rain.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn - @ 12:30pm

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French - 2nd Mr. Beissel

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