



5.12.25 OXFORD RECREATION BOARD AGENDA:

May 12, 2025

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

11:30 AM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda for the May 12, 2025, Oxford Recreation Board.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2025, Joint TRI Board/Oxford Recreation Board meeting.

Reports

1. Parks and Recreation Report
2. Miami University Report

Old Business

New Business

1. Introductions
2. Butler County Regional Transportation Authority Seasonal Expanded Transportation Routes Discussion

Adjournment



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OXFORD RECREATION BOARD
LAROSA'S PIZZERIA - 21 LYNN AVE. OXFORD, OHIO 45056
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 AT 11:30 AM

Call to Order

The Joint TRI/Recreation Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Wooddell on January 27, 2025 at 11:30am.

Roll Call

Recreation Board members in attendance were: Adam Beissel; Alex French; Sarah Meaney; Jason Merz and Jake Richardson

Absent: Jacob Young

Staff Members in attendance were: Casey Wooddell and Deanna Barbour

TRI Board members in attendance: Doug Curry; Rick Verst; Jim Squance; Joe Wilhelm

Guest Visitors: Steve Chaffin and Sean Scott

Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda for the January 27, 2025 joint meeting with the Oxford Recreation Board and Talawanda Recreation, Inc (TRI) Board.

Motion to approve

(Voice Vote) 1st Alex French 2nd Sarah Meaney

AYE # 5

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Oxford Recreation Board meeting.

Motion - to Approve

(Voice Vote) 1st Alex Beissel 2nd Jason Merz

AYE # 5

NAY # 0
ABS # 0

Reports

1. Presentation from Talawanda Recreation, Inc. (TRI) Board of Directors

Mr. Curry, Talawanda Recreation Incorporated President, gave a presentation showing the TRI Boards plans for the future of the TRI Community Center. Mr. Curry started by saying he's been on the Board for a very long time, so long we'll have to look up the year he joined. Mr. Curry then described how the TRI came to be. In 1966 some local residents decided they wanted a place where kids and families could participate in recreation. The land the TRI stands on was donated by two of those families. The money to design and build the TRI came from members of the community just like yourself. All with a vision to give back to the Oxford community. This is what the TRI Board has always stood for and that is what we want to accomplish again. Reaching out to individuals in the community, such as yourselves, getting the word out there that a new larger facility is needed in this community to serve the general public. So the last two years the TRI Board has been working on finding out what is needed in this community. What I'm going to show you is a vision of what this could be. The current TRI building has served a great purpose and we feel we can have an even bigger impact on the community if we do some upgrades and additions. Mr. Curry said this design would be in addition to the current structure and would attach to the back of the current building. Mr. Curry stated what he really wants to do is change it from just the TRI to an actual full time Community Center. Mr. Curry said to do that, the developer said it would be easier to renovate the current building and add the new structure as an addition.

Mr. Curry noted we are looking at a three court facility with multiple use options, such as pickleball, volleyball, basketball etc. The new structure will also house a concession area, a community room, offices, bathrooms and welcome area. Mr. Wooddell added the vision for the current facility will then be able to expand the preschool area and make the current weight room a full size work out area by moving it to the current upstairs gym.

Mr. Wooddell added one of the visions is that this new facility will be used all day long. Our current structure is full just with all day preschool, occasional toddler time and basketball practices. It's hard to accommodate everyone. Mr. Verst stated he joined the TRI Board because he's experienced the need and lack of options for gym space in the area. He wants to see more options for the community.

Mr. Curry advised that we, the TRI Board, wanted to create something that could spark interest in the community and showcase our vision. That way if we have someone interested we have this to show them that will hopefully get them as excited as we are at the possibility.

Mr. Beissel stated he had a question about the unfinished end corner space in the new facility and asked how much does that save leaving it out of the current design? Adding what about going ahead and building that space just so you have it down the road. Mr. Curry said initially the senior center wanted to tie into this facility and the design that included the seniors looked a little different. Mr. Verst noted there will be things we need to scale back and would rather scale back here than some other areas that are greatly needed, adding our focus is on gymnasium and

activity areas. Mr. Curry said we can do what ever we want but we're looking at the priority list and what is needed the most.

Ms. French asked Mr. Curry if they have fundraisers and/or a grant writer? Noting she partnered with SLAM and discussed fundraising with a pickleball tournament, adding are there events Mr. Curry knows of that could be partnered with to do some fundraising? Mr. Curry said time is important, and yes we've talked about different avenues of fundraising, but we need guidance and someone who is interested in both areas. Mr. Beissel said Vince at Miami is a grant writer, adding Vince has daughters that would love to use something like this and he would be happy to talk to him about the TRI and getting him connected with Mr. Curry. Mr. Curry said this is the start of making this circle much much bigger and starting fundraising and getting this done. We've been talking about this for a long time, now is the time to make things happen. Mr. Curry asked do we have a partnership with Talawanda and with the City? Mr. Wooddell said the current building was built for one full time staff person and volunteers and we now have 9 full time staff people and several part-time staff people. If the TRI gets this going, it's possible the City will look at options to continue this relationship.

Mr. Curry asked do we have a commitment from the Recreation Board, meaning he can call on one of them when needed to assist meeting with certain people in the community. Ms. French said yes, she would be available to assist in conversations.

Mr. Beissel asked what cost are we looking at for this facility. Mr. Wooddell said between 8-10million which includes the renovation of the old building.

Old Business

Ms. Meaney reminded the Board about Mr. Revere's request for a three day Juneteenth event, noting she didn't want him to feel like his idea was pushed aside. Mr. Wooddell stated currently the Oxford Parks and Recreation Department does not have the money or staffing to take on an event of that size and duration. Mr. Revere would need funding and volunteers to run this event.

New Business

Ms. French stated logos for the Bee Festival events were finalized including for the O.A.T.S. and Honey race. Ms. French will start an email for the medals and the swag design and then map the course. Ms. French will also get the race registration website ready soon.

1. 2025 Recreation Board Positions

Mr. Wooddell requested a motion to approve continuing with current position holders.

Recreation Board Chair - Jacob Young

1st Jake Richardson 2nd Alex French

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Recreation Board Secretary - Deanna Barbour

1st Alex French 2nd Adam Beissel

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Mr. Wooddell asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:55pm.

(Voice Vote) 1st Alex French 2nd Jason Merz

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