

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

the City of Oxford is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk of fire; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, Oxford's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

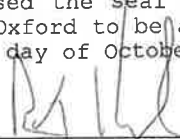
WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2012, October 7-13 theme, "Have 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard A. Keebler, Mayor of the City of Oxford, Ohio, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012 as:

'FIRE PREVENTION WEEK'

throughout the city, and I urge all people of Oxford to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the activities and efforts of Oxford's Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oxford to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 2012.


Richard A. Keebler, Mayor



CITY OF OXFORD

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

Report to the City Manager

City Council Meeting of: October 2, 2012

Account Code #: N/A

Budgeted Amount: \$ N/A

Service Department
Originating Department

Michael B. Dreisbach
Prepared By

September 25, 2012
Date Prepared

Agenda Title: Authorization to Submit Eligible Projects to Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Application

Recommendation: Approval

Discussion:

The City expects to receive approximately \$111,000 in FY2013 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered by the Butler County Board of Commissioners. Of this amount, \$95,000 will be available for eligible improvements in the City of Oxford. These funds have traditionally been used for the removal of architectural barriers from street corners in the City and the installation of new handicapped accessible ramps to improve access to the City's sidewalk network. The balance of the funds will be used for administration of the program.

Application for these funds requires a Resolution of Council recommending the project. Staff is completing the City's application including an assessment of current needs to continue the installation of additional handicap ramps throughout the City. Staff takes into consideration immediate needs from handicapped individuals, projected construction projects with deficient street corners in the project scope, and planned corridor improvements with other entities such as Miami University. It is Staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit an application to Butler County for 2013 CDBG funds for this purpose.

Once funds have been approved by the federal government (HUD), Staff will advertise the project for bids (typically in fourth quarter of the year), and present a recommended contract for construction to the City Council for contract authorization.

Approved By:

Department Head:

Initial MB Date 9/26/12

City Manager:

DRB 9/28/12

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT ELIGIBLE PROJECTS TO THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) YEAR APPLICATION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, BUTLER COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Manager authorizes the construction project to remove architectural barriers from street corners and adding additional handicap ramps around the City of Oxford to improve the City's sidewalk network by utilizing CDBG funds administered by the Butler County Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 2: The City will receive approximately \$111,245.00 from CDBG funds. Of these funds, \$95,000.00, or eighty-six percent (86%), will be used to improve the sidewalk network of the City, specifically removing architectural barriers from street corners and adding additional handicap ramps. The remaining \$16,245.00 or approximately fourteen percent (14%) of the funds will be used for the administration of the program.

SECTION 3: The City Manager is authorized to submit the recommended project for year 2013 funds and to take all actions necessary to comply with all requirements and commitments for approval of the projects.

SECTION 4: Once HUD has approved the funds for the project, the City will advertise the project for bids and authorize a contract for the construction of the handicap ramps.

SECTION 5: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: RICHARD KEEBLER
PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)

CITY OF OXFORD

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

Report to the City Manager

Community Development
Originating Department

Council Meeting Of: October 2, 2012

Jung-Han Chen

Account Code No. #:

Prepared By

Budgeted Amount:

September 27, 2012
Date Prepared

Agenda Title: Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Report – September 19, 2012

Recommendation: N/A

Adjudication Hearings:

BZA-10-2012 36 Lynn Avenue, Taco Bell, Variance to Sections 1151.05(a)(3)(C) number of freestanding signs; 1151.05(z)(3)C.1.B.Freestanding sign height; 1151.05(a)(3)B.1.a. Wall sign height, Kathryn Peterka, Owner/Applicant

This application is to completely remodel the existing fast food restaurant with additional signage to accommodate a brand new façade of the propose improvements, including new and taller wall sign, and one additional and taller free standing sign.

After considering and weighing all the facts, circumstances and decision Standards, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the application with the following conditions:

1. **That, the height of the menu board be granted as proposed and that no extenders be permitted without application to the Oxford Board of Zoning Appeals;**
2. **That , an additional free standing sign is granted as proposed, with the exception that the sign shall be limited to six feet in height;**
3. **That, temporary signs shall be permitted only as per the Zoning Code.**
4. **That, the wall sign height be granted as proposed,**
5. **That, all directional signs shall not include any logos.**

BZA-08-2012 201 E. Chestnut Street, Miami Village, variance to Sections: 1137.08(e) occupancy reduction; 1141.03(a) multiple buildings on a lot; 1143.06(c)(2)(A) front yard setback; 1143.06(c)(4)(A)(1) lot coverage; 1149.03(e) parking spaces; 1149.04(3) parking setback; 1149.05(e)(4)(F) parking islands; 1149.05(e)(5)(B)(1)(a) parking trees; 1149.05(e)(4)(B) perimeter screening, **Scott Webb, Applicant, Agent**

This application is to seek multiple variances to allow a redevelopment of an existing apartment complex to go through a complete rehabilitation to bring the building to today's standards. The new complex will consist of two L-shaped buildings with multiple stairways to provide access points to the upper floors, which is distinctly different from the mansard roof motel-style.

After review the facts and testimonies, the Board voted **approval** of the following variances, (with the vote counts)

Variance 1137.08(e) Occupancy Reduction	(5-0-0)
Variance 1143.06(c)(2)(A)- Front Yard Setback	(5-0-0)
Variance 1143.06(c)(4)(A)(1)- Lot Coverage	(5-0-0)
Variance 1149.03(e) Parking	(4-1-0)
Variance 1149.04(3) Parking Setback	(5-0-0)
Variance 1149.05(e)(4)F)- Parking Islands	(5-0-0)
Variance 1149.05(e)(5)(B)(1)(a)- Trees	(5-0-0)

The Board also **denied** the following variances (with vote counts)
Variance 1141.03(e)- Multiple Buildings on a lot (4-1-0)
Variance 1149.05(e)(4)(B)-Perimeter Screening (3-2-0)

BZA-09-2012 Vine Street, Parcel #H4100006000035 variance to Sections 1141.03(b) principal entrance upon an alley and 1143.03(c)(3)(D)(3) front yard coverage, **Dave & Pamela Kellems, Applicants**

The applicants are seeking to propose to build a new single family dwelling on an "alley lot" behind 220 E. Vine St. The applicants purchased both properties through a short sale at the end of last year. This variance was first presented to the Board in its June meeting. During the deliberation process, certain discrepancy was identified from the application submittal showing the existing building encroaches into this alley lot. Based on this information, staff began more research and obtained a lot consolidation plan was approved in 1991 with a new lot number and with the intent to build an addition to the existing structure. A subsequent application, filed in 3/21/91.

After the facts and circumstances, the Board voted to deny the requested variances based on the following reasons:

- a. **The variance were substantial,**
- b. **The applicants' predicament can be obviated through other method than a variance.**
- c. **The spirit and intent behind the zoning requirements would not be observed and substantial justice would not be done by granting the variance.**

Approval of minutes the August 15, 2012 Regular Meeting

By a vote of 5-0-0, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

The next BZA meeting will take place on October 17, 2012 at the Oxford Courthouse

Approved By:

Department Head:

City Attorney:

City Manager:

Initial Date

[Signature] 9/28/12

[Signature] 9/28/12

**CITY OF OXFORD
STAFF SUMMARY REPORT**

Report to the City Manager

Community Development
Originating Department

Council Meeting Of: October 2, 2012

Account Code No. #:

Jung-Han Chen
Prepared By

Budgeted Amount:

September 21, 2012
Date Prepared

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING REPORT – September 11, 2012

Communication:

Staff updated the Planning Commission regarding the Subcommittee's progress on their discussion of the nonconformity chapter of the Oxford Zoning Code. Future meetings will be scheduled to continue those discussions.

A work session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss Staff edits made to the Bike/Pedestrian Plan. The Plan, with recommendations, was based upon a study completed by Anna Dragovich. Specifically, Staff changes were to delineate corridor improvements instead of specific segments of the roadway. The Planning Commission felt that the goals/objectives and maps compiled by Staff were consistent with the Planning Commission's desires.

The consensus was to bring this modification back to the Planning Commission at its October meeting for recommendation to City Council for adoption and to direct Staff to undertake a detailed study to prepare a feasibility study and cost analysis for future implementation.

Public Hearing:

PC-10-2012 Zoning Map Amendment- to expand the Western College for Women Historic District to include Langstroth Cottage at 303 S. Patterson Avenue, **City of Oxford, Applicant**
This application requested inclusion of the Langstroth Cottage into the Western College for Women Historic District. The Langstroth Cottage is on the listing of the National Historic Registry.

The request was received by the Smith Regional History Library to the Historic Architectural Preservation Commission at its July meeting. The HAPC unanimously recommended the Planning Commission make an affirmative recommendation to City Council to amend the historic district map boundary to include Langstroth Cottage in the Western College for Women Historic District.

After the Public Hearing, the Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend approval of the map amendment to include the Langstroth Cottage in the Western College of Women Historic District.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Next Meeting:

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled on October 9, 2012 at the Courthouse.

Approved By:

Department Head:
City Attorney:
City Manager:

Initial Date
JHC 9/24/12

DLE 9/28/12

CITY OF OXFORD

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

Report to the City Manager

Human Resources

Originating Department

Council Meeting Of: October 2, 2012

Donna Heck

Prepared By

Account Code No. #: N/A

Budgeted Amount: N/A

September 27, 2012

Date Prepared

Agenda Title: Report regarding the September 26, 2012 Civil Service Commission Meeting.

Recommendation:

Discussion: The Civil Service Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Those members present were: Phil Russo, Chair; Susan Lipnickey, Karen Martino, Mike Pavloff and James Burchyett.

Donna Heck, Human Resource Director, was attendance for the City.

Vicki Brunn, Department of Human Resources, was in attendance for the Talawanda School District.

The Commission reviewed and accepted the report regarding the status of Substitute Employees of the Talawanda School District.

The Commission reviewed and approved the Cafeteria Worker Eligibility List for the Talawanda School District.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2012.

Approved By:

Department Head:
City Manager:

Initial Date

DH 9/27/12
DRE 9/28/12

**CITY OF OXFORD
STAFF SUMMARY REPORT**

Report to the City Manager

Community Development
Originating Department

Council Meeting Of: October 2, 2012

Jung-Han Chen
Prepared By:

Account Code No. #:

Budgeted Amount:

September 21, 2012
Date Prepared:

Agenda Title:	PC-10-2012 Zoning Map Amendment – To expand the Historic District Overlay of the Western College for Women Historic District to include Langstroth Cottage, 303 S. Patterson Avenue, City of Oxford, Applicant
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Recommendation: Approval

Discussion:

The Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission (HAPC) recently received a recommendation from the Smith Library of Regional History to include the Langstroth Cottage into the Western College for Women Historic District after research findings revealed that it was not within the boundary of the District even though it had connections to Western College.

The site is a state and national historic landmark and is owned by Miami University. The former resident, Lorenzo Langstroth, was known internationally for inventing the moveable beehive system, which revolutionized the beekeeping industry.

On July 11, 2012, the HAPC met and considered this request and recommended that the Planning Commission recommend this to City Council. Miami University has not expressed any opposition to this overlay district expansion.

The Planning Commission held its Public Hearing on September 11, 2012 and voted 7-0-0 to recommend City Council approval.

Approved By:	Department Head:	<i>JHC 9/24/12</i>
	City Attorney:	<i>7/25 9/25/12</i>
	City Manager:	

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND GRANTING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 303 SOUTH PATTERSON AVENUE, OXFORD, OHIO, AND REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY DISTRICT TO THE WESTERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, BUTLER COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: Council finds in accordance with Section 1135.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oxford, the Oxford Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 11, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., on the applicant's City of Oxford, application for a Zoning Map Amendment for property located at 303 South Patterson Avenue, Oxford, Ohio, rezoning the property from the Miami University District to the Western College for Women Historic District.

SECTION 2: The Oxford Planning Commission, after due deliberation, recommended granting the Zoning Map Amendment, and found that the proposed rezoning request was in keeping with the intended characteristics of the general vicinity of the property and was the most appropriate designation of the property in question.

SECTION 3: The Planning Commission found the request does comply with the intent of the Oxford Codified Ordinances and the Oxford Comprehensive Plan

SECTION 4: Council hereby accepts the report of the Oxford Planning Commission, and after due deliberation, finds for the granting of the Zoning Map Amendment rezoning 303 South Patterson Avenue, Oxford, Ohio, to Western College for Women Historic District.

SECTION 5: Council hereby grants the rezoning request to Western College for Women Historic District for the property as requested by the applicant, incorporating the application and documents submitted by the applicant as the term and condition of the granting of this rezoning request and orders that the official zoning map be amended.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

MAYOR

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: RICHARD KEEBLER

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)

Certification of Action Oxford Planning Commission Recommendation to City Council

<u>Report Date</u>	October 2, 2012
<u>Case Number</u>	PC-10-2012
<u>Applicant Information</u>	City of Oxford, Applicant
<u>Requested Action</u>	Zoning Map Amendment
<u>Summary of Request</u>	PC-10-2012 Zoning Map Amendment – To expand the Historic District Overlay of the Western College for Women Historic District to include Langstroth Cottage, 303 S. Patterson Avenue.
<u>Public Hearing Information</u>	On September 11, 2012 a Public Hearing took place at 118 W. High Street. A Public Hearing notice was published in the Oxford Press on August 11, 2012.
<u>Commission Action</u>	The Planning Commission voted 7-0-0 recommending approval to City Council.
<u>Commission Findings and Conclusions</u>	The Planning Commission approved this Zoning Map Amendment based on findings from the Smith Library of Regional History and the recommendation of the Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission (HAPC).
<u>Exhibits Submitted to the Commission</u>	1. Staff Report dated September 6, 2012 2. Interoffice Review Transmittal Sheets 3. Zoning Map Amendment Application dated July 27, 2012 4. Letter from Valerie Elliott, Smith Library of Regional History, dated June 19, 2012 5. Map 6. Legal Description 7. Photographs

City of Oxford
Community Development Department
STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission

Case # PC-10-2012

Date – September 6, 2012

APPLICATION

Applicant:	City of Oxford
Action Request:	Zone Map Amendment to expand the Historic District Overlay of the Western College for Women Historic District to include 303 South Patterson Avenue, 0.7 acres, Langstroth Cottage.
Address:	303 South Patterson Avenue
Parcels:	A 0.7 acre portion of Lot 3061, as described on attached legal description

DESCRIPTION

A recent recommendation came from the Smith Library of Regional History, sent to the Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission (HAPC). The Langstroth Cottage is not within the boundary of the Western College for Women Historic District. A letter from the Smith Library as well as a map of the area is attached. The former resident, Lorenzo Langstroth, is known internationally for inventing the moveable beehive system, which revolutionized the beekeeping industry. The site is a state and a national historic landmark and is owned by Miami University.

SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD

The surrounding area is all Miami University owned property. The subject site and the site to the south (Career Services Office) are the only two residential scale buildings in the area. The remainder of the buildings in the area is larger institutional scale buildings.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Cultural Resources

Objective 4 (p. 10.5)

- Enhance and improve the promotion and preservation of the city's historic and cultural resources
 - CR 4.1 Continue to support the work of the HAPC to develop and maintain an inventory of historic sites.
 - CR 4.2 Create a trail system to identify historic structures and sites.
 - CR 4.3 Collaborate with community organizations to promote historic and cultural tourism.
 - CR 4.4 Work with Heritage Ohio to develop a Main Street Program
 - CR 4.5 Encourage the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and reuse of historic structures and sites.
 - CR 4.6 Consider historic and cultural resources in all land use decisions.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Fire	Returned without comment
Police	Returned without comment
Engineering	Returned without comment
Economic Development	No comments returned

PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS

No comments have been received to date.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Expanding the Western College for Women Historic District to include the adjacent Langstroth Cottage is a natural and logical extension. The current size of that district is 130 acres. The expansion would add 0.7 acres. The letter of explanation from the Smith Library, as well as the Objective of the Comprehensive Plan supports this expansion. On July 11, 2012, the HAPC met and considered this request and recommended that the Planning Commission recommend this to City Council. Miami University has not expressed any opposition to this overlay district expansion.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends this be forwarded to City Council for adoption.

SUBMITTED

BY:


Sam Perry

Community Development Department

DATE: September 6, 2012

City of Oxford
Inter-Office Review Transmittal Sheet

Date: 8/29/2012

To: Fire Department Engineering Division Police Department Economic Development

From: Community Development

Drawings are being submitted to you for the following:

PC-10-2012 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT to expand the Western College for Women Historic District to include Langstroth Cottage at 303 S. Patterson Avenue, **City of Oxford, Applicant**

 X Review Revisions Other

Comments or status update requested by: Lynn Taylor

Please return no later than: **9/5/2012** Note: If no comments are received, we will assume the project meets your department's standards.

Drawings are returned: w/comments without/comments

Drawings reviewed by:



John Detheridge, Fire Chief

Date: 8-31-12

City of Oxford
Inter-Office Review Transmittal Sheet

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Drawings reviewed by:



VICTOR POPESCU, CITY ENGR.

Date: 9-5-12

City of Oxford
Inter-Office Review Transmittal Sheet

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Drawings reviewed by: _____



Date: 9/4/2012

Bob Holzworth, Police Chief

Zoning Map Amendment Application
City of Oxford, Ohio

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name of Applicant:

City of Oxford
(Attach a Letter of Agency if the applicant is not the property owner.)

Mailing Address:

101 E High
524-5204

Telephone Number(s)

Email Address

Location of Property:

Langstroth Cottage 303 Patterson Ave.
(Indicate address if there is an existing structure or subdivision name and lot number if subdivided.)

Legal Description:

Total Area:

.7 Acres / Square Feet (circle one)

Existing Use of Property:

Current Zoning:

MU

Proposed Zone(s):

Proposed Use:

MU Western College for Women Historic District

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a vicinity map, at scale and a metes and bounds description of the property, the statement described below and the required fee of **\$150.00 plus actual postage**, made payable to the City of Oxford. The entire submission must be prepared in accordance with Chapter 1135, Zoning Code Amendments, of the City of Oxford Zoning Code.

On a separate sheet of paper, provide the names and addresses of all adjoining property owners within 200 feet of the site, including those across streets, roads, alleys and highways. NOTE: The Butler County website (www.butlercountyohio.org/auditor) is very helpful when searching for the mailing address of adjoining property owners. Once the site is up, click on online searches, then click on real estate. It will allow you to search by owner, address or parcel number. *Property Owner names will not be provided in the agenda packet.

Attach a statement which responds to the following questions:

- What is the relationship of the proposed zone change to the City of Oxford's Comprehensive Plan?
- How will the zone change affect the neighborhood in which the property is located? Briefly describe any impacts of the change as proposed.
- How will the zone change affect public facilities such as sewer and water service, drainage, schools and roads, if applicable?
- What mitigating actions might be suggested to offset problems resulting from adverse impacts on private property and public facilities (e.g., landscape screening, drainage improvements, changes in traffic signalization, provision of additional turn lanes).
- Why is the current zoning classification of the property no longer appropriate?

All materials and application fee must be delivered to the office of Community Development, Municipal Building, 101 East High Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056. Any questions should be directed to the Community Development Department at (513) 524-5204. Submit materials 45 days prior to the proposed meeting date.

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be processed. City Staff will erect a public hearing sign on the subject property. It is the Applicant's responsibility to remove the signage once the hearing(s) are completed.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

Date:

Jung-Han Chen

7/27/12

PRINTED NAME:

Jung-Han Chen

FEE / RECEIPT

\$150 Fee plus Actual Postage Paid / Receipt Number:

NA

SMITH LIBRARY OF REGIONAL HISTORY

15 South College Avenue
Oxford, Ohio 45056
(513) 523-3035

June 19, 2012

Mr. Jung-Han Chen
Oxford Community Development Director
101 E. High St.
Oxford, OH 45056

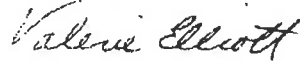
Dear Jung Han:

When the Western College for Women Historic District was created by the City in 1995, it did not include Langstroth Cottage, presumably because the similarly configured National Register district excluded the house with the statement, "When built, the building had no functional relationship to the seminary." While true, recent research shows that Langstroth's home was owned by Western for almost 70 years and was used for student housing, faculty housing, and as the residence of the dean of students. The house had more connection to Western College than several other buildings that are included in the Western district.

Because next year marks the 160th year since Western was chartered, and because HAPC is considering featuring the district in its May tours, and because Smith Library is in the process of producing a walking tour booklet for the district, I hope that the City of Oxford will consider adding Langstroth Cottage (a National Historic Landmark) to the Western College for Women Historic District.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Valerie Elliott
Manager





OHIO
HISTORICAL
MARKER

LANGSTROTH COTTAGE

Reverend Lorenzo Langstroth, renowned as "The Father of American Beekeeping," lived in this simple two-story, eight-room house with his wife, Anne, and their three children from 1858 to 1887. Unchanged externally, the Greek Revival cottage features brick pilasters and pediments and a fan-shaped front window. In his garden workshop, Langstroth made experimental beehives, established an apiary, and on the ten acres that surrounded his home, grew buckwheat, clover, an apple orchard, and a "honey garden" of flowers. He imported Italian queen bees in efforts to improve native bees and shipped his queens to keepers across the United States and around the world. The Langstroth Cottage was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1982.

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OHIO BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, THE LONGABERGER COMPANY
MIAMI UNIVERSITY

THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2002



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OHIO

HISTORICAL
MARKER

LORENZO LANGSTROTH,
"THE BEE-MAN OF OXFORD"

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Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth was born in Philadelphia on December 25, 1810. Although educated at Yale to be a clergyman and teacher, he achieved international fame as an inventor and author. Fascinated from childhood by the intricate and orderly kingdom of honeybees, he discovered "bee space," an open space of not more than three-eighths of an inch which bees would not fill to bond their combs to hives. From this came the world's first moveable frame beehive, patented in 1852, which revolutionized beekeeping and the honey industry. His book, *Langstroth on the Hive and Honeybee* (1853) provided practical advice of bee management and is still in use. Langstroth died on October 6, 1895 in Dayton, Ohio. Appropriately, his tombstone in Woodlawn Cemetery reads "The Father of American Beekeeping."

OHIO BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, THE LONGABERGER COMPANY
MIAMI UNIVERSITY
THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2002

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CITY OF OXFORD

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

Report to the City Manager

Parks and Recreation

Originating Department

Council Meeting Of:

Gail S. Brahier

Account Code No. #: N/A

Prepared By

Budgeted Amount: N/A

9/27/12

Date Prepared

Agenda Title:

Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, 9/20/12

Recommendation:

N/A

Discussion:

Members present: Ken Bogard, Council Rep., Brandy Darby, Shaunna Tafelski, Jason Grunkemeyer, Mary Glasmeier.
Staff: Deanna Barbour and Gail Brahier

Ms. Brahier reviewed the July 3rd event with the Board and evaluations from the booth vendors and parade participants. Ms. Brahier noted she is seeking to find an alternative site to launch the fireworks which will open up both park entrances and Kay Rench Drive for parking. Booth vendors wanted designated parking, which can be accommodated by the gazebo area. Ms. Glasmeier noted directional signs in the handicap spots on where the activities are would be helpful for people not familiar with the park. Mr. Bogard suggested marking several temporary handicap parking spots in the first parking lot. Ms. Darby mentioned she heard positive feedback from participants at the event. Ms. Brahier noted people still want a designated parade, and she is looking at lining up the parade in the TRI parking lot, go West on Tollgate, enter the park off Fairfield Road. This will allow the fire trucks and police cruisers to be included. She mentioned she discussed this with Chief Holzworth, that we would only need to block Fairfield for 20 minutes. Ms. Brahier said she will continue to establish the best format for the event.

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Approved By:

Department Head:

City Attorney:

City Manager:

Initial Date

GB 9/27/12

WCE 9/28/12

Mr. Bogard spoke briefly about the 2013 - 2017 Capital Improvement Projects and various transportation projects in the City. There was discussion about the status of the replacement pool. Ms. Brahier reviewed the history of the pool replacement for Mr. Grunkemeyer. Ms. Glasmeier suggested when the new pool is built, to include a dome so it can be used year round.

Ms. Brahier reviewed the upcoming special programs and events in Sept. and Oct., inviting a member of the Board to say a few brief comments at the Veteran's Day Ceremony, Nov. 11 at Noon, and also at the Holiday Festival, Nov. 30.

Ms. Tafelski noted the high school is still conducting tours if anyone has not seen the school yet. Ms Darby said she enjoys the layout of the sports fields so students can finish practice in one sport and walk over to encourage their peers in another sport.

Mr. Grunkemeyer noted THS is planning the Sept. 28 Homecoming Parade and events, trying to figure the parade route without going onto Rt. 27 S. He said parking is full at home games.

Ms. Glasmeier agreed to serve as a judge in the Pet Costume Contest, October 25, prior to the annual Lion's Club Parade.

Next meeting - Oct. 23, 4 pm, THS Media Center