

Oxford Area Recreation Authority
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Thurs., July 19, 2018
Oxford Area Regional Park Pavilion

Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Chairman Chip Benke

Members present: Chip Benke, Joe Beird, Andy Marker, Jeremy McKinney, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, John Reynolds;

Absent: Arthur Astle, Scott Fetterolf, Candace Miller, and Michael Watson.

Visitors: Alvin Crews

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

Agenda–Motion (by Peyre-Ferry, second Beird) to accept the agenda with the addition of 6a Alvin Crews, 10d Branches, 16c Oxfordian, 19a Batting cage **Approved** (6-0).

Minutes - (by Marker, second McKinney) to accept the minutes of the June meeting as presented

Approved (6-0).

Public Comment : None

Scheduled Visitors: Alvin Crews gave an update of the plan for the Halloween event, **Motion** (by Peyre-Ferry, second Beird) to set the dates for the Halloween event as Oct 18,19,20. **Approved** (6-0). Crews proposed reducing the entry fee to \$8, the board responded that last year's \$10 fee was still acceptable, but they would reduced the fee to \$8 for children 10 and under.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Candace Miller was not at the meeting, but did provide reports and checks to be signed as well as the list of bills totaling \$7,344.59. Listed: John Reynolds – security cameras \$211.56; Michael Watson, Kids to Park expenses \$264.56; Dunn Lawn Care – stone for dog park \$6.155; Cameron's Hardware supplies \$145.44; Joe Beird meter locks \$205.43 Kevin Peyre-Ferry- maintenance \$112.50; Lander Septic \$250; **Motion** (by Marker second Beird) to authorize payment of bills **Approved (5-0-1, Peyre-Ferry abstains)**. Income of \$304.02 was recorded Swat Fastpitch \$300, Meter collection \$4.02 **Motion**

Grants/Fundraising Committee Report: The third parking meter for donations is ready to put in. Key is needed to do so, and Miller has it.

PECO – still no word of grant awards

Fundraising Bricks – An article is appearing in the Community Courier

Park Partners – Miller emailed a draft of the proposed program for comment

Book Train – the Oxford Library would like to join with the park in creating a book trail. Board has no objections.

Web Committee – Links have been repaired to update to the new website.

Property Committee – Cameras – are in and working well

Well – Miller is preparing a letter to the borough as discussed last month

Sign in sheets - Marker advised they are working well.

Branches at Oaks – Astle has removed the large dead treetop, but the branches on the ground continue to be a problem due to the quantity. **Motion** (by Peyre-Ferry second McKinney) if Reynolds is unable to find a scout troop to pick up branches within a week, Marker is authorized to contract Dunn Lawn Care to do the work at a cost not to exceed \$500 **Approved (6-0)**

One of the fir trees in the park is brown. The consensus was to give it time to recover.

Project Committee – none

Events Committee –Pitch Hit and Run – Peyre-Ferry reported that Ashley Flynn placed second at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.

Halloween event was discussed earlier.

Feasibility Study Committee Benke is working on ideas for the Oaks Road parcel. The committee will hold a fact finding session to gather information.

Policy Committee – Fees – no input at this time

Chairman's Report – no report

Secretary's Report – Peyre-Ferry handed out copies of the Audit to be distributed to the member municipalities. On July 18 she spoke at the Oxford Rotary meeting and was well received. She is preparing the article on the OARA for the Oxfordian Magazine, It was decided that Benke as chairman should be the primary contact.

Motion (by Marker second Reynolds) to approve all reports **Approved (6-0)**

Old Business – Scout Projects – no new information

Insurance Carrier – Watson was not present to give a report

Raffles – Peyre-Ferry reported no progress as yet, **Motion** (by Marker second Beird) authorizing Peyre-Ferry to apply for a small games of chance permit **Approved (6-0)**
Per Capita Contribution by municipalities after extensive discussion. **Motion** (by Beird second Reynolds) that members will approach their municipalities about raising the per capita contribution over the next three year period, starting with a \$2 increase for 2019, followed by \$1 increases in each of the next two years bringing the total to \$5 per capita by 2021 **Approved (6-0)**

Park Signage – Beird reported that the borough is OK with putting up a directional sign to the park, but the wording is needed, Consensus is an arrow pointing down Locust St., with “Oxford Regional Park 1.6 miles”

Diamond Divas would like to put up a sign on the backstop to recognize their winning season. Board would like to see it on the outfield fence rather than the backstop.

New Business – The Divas are willing to put up a batting cage. More information is needed on design, location, and use.

Reynolds requested additional information on the Authority by-laws.

Public Comment- none

Correspondence - Letters from the insurance carrier notified the claim for turfing was denied. Question for Miller as to whether restitution has been received.

Executive Session –none

Motion to Adjourn at 8:43 p.m. (by Reynolds second Beird) **Approved (6-0)**

Respectfully Submitted by
Marcella Peyre-Ferry – Secretary

Approved by