

Oxford Recreation Board Meeting
8/6/20 11:30am

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Craig Bennett; Mike Smith; Holli Morrish, Kevin Ackley and Richard Kammer

III. Welcome – Richard Kammer

Mr. Wooddell welcomed new board member Mr. Rich Kammer. Mr. Kammer provided the following information in regards to his education, background and work experience:

- Cuyahoga Community College- Associate of Arts
- Bowling Green State University- Bachelor of Science
 - Major Criminal Justice-Minor Psychology
- Wood County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Detention Center- Intern
- Lorain County Community College- Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy
- City of Parma- Auxiliary Police Officer
- Cleveland Museum of Art- Supervisor of Protection Services
- Baldwin Wallace University- Masters of Leadership in Higher Education
- Ohio College Personnel Association- Faculty and Senior Student Affairs and Officer Involvement Committee
- Baldwin Wallace University Career Services- Internship
- Baldwin Wallace University Honors Program- Internship
- Miami University- Resident Director
- Miami University- Chair of Emerging Adulthood Initiatives Committee
- Miami University- Teach/Taught EDL 110 and CEC100
- Ramsey Solutions- Teach Financial Peace University
- get Rich with Rich- Podcast Host

IV. Reports

a. Recreation Director

Mr. Wooddell advised a lot of Oxford Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) programs and events have been cancelled this summer but the Oxford Aquatic Center is open. Mr. Wooddell noted approximately 175 guests per swim session in the month of July. August has been slow to start but looks like good weather ahead.

Mr. Wooddell stated OPRD is running some sports; adult softball began Tuesday night, August 4th. There are five teams this fall. This is a non-contact sport. Flag football is also a non-contact sport and it will begin next week with games starting later in August and end in October. There are around 70 kids registered for Flag Football. As for SAY Soccer, we are not too sure about soccer right now. The current state guidelines require testing of all athletes within 72 hours before every game; this is not realistic or feasible for recreation programs. We are hoping for new guidelines to come out, but for now soccer teams are just allowed to practice and train. Local soccer leagues are postponing games out a few weeks to see if rules change. Holli Morrish stated there are approximately 172 fall sports athletes enrolled in contact sports at Talawanda. It would cost Talawanda nearly \$35,000 per month to meet the current testing mandates.

In regards to youth basketball leagues, OPRD is currently unsure if this sport is going to move forward. OPRD relies on Talawanda facilities. Talawanda is not permitting outside organizations to utilize facilities while the school is on remote learning. This will be revisited every nine weeks just like the online learning will be reviewed every nine weeks and decide from there.

Mr. Ackley stated Goggin is doing very light programming leading up to when youth hockey starts after Labor Day. They're following the same guidelines as everyone else. Only one parent or guardian can attend with the kid playing, no siblings permitted indoors. Everyone is required to wear masks and social distance. Only so many players can be in the locker room at one time. Goggin is encouraging all players to come fully dressed with skate guards on. Casey noted the community appears willing and ready to do some type of sport or activity.

Mr. Bennett stated other sports are not starting until September 5. He hasn't heard anything from Mid-American Conference on football not starting. (*Update: Mid-American Conference has canceled all fall sports at this time*). Miami is starting online classes for the first 5 weeks. The call center at Miami is inundated with calls about tuition reductions, discounts, out-of-state tuition costs, etc. due to starting online.

Mr. Kammer indicated they're seeing an increased number of Resident Advisors also dropping out and choosing to stay off-campus.

V. Old Business

a. 5 Year Plan / Master Plan

Mr. Wooddell stated the existing Master Plan is dated 1997 and we are working with Community Development (Sam Perry) to help us with an update, for cost purposes. Mr. Wooddell indicated he plans to review again that 1997 plan and then look at what the possible future looks like. Mr. Kammer requested a copy of the 1997 plan. Mr. Wooddell stated he can get Mr. Kammer a hard copy. The Recreation Board agreed to endorse a letter to City Council recommending the 1997 Master Plan be updated. Mr. Kammer indicated it would be ideal to know what years the Master Parks and Recreation plans of other local cities were completed.

VI. New Business

Miami Student Programming – Mr. Wooddell indicated at the last City Council meeting the topic of providing some type of programming for Miami students should be considered, since Miami may not be providing much for them this fall. Music in the parks was discussed, but Butler County health department is not supportive of outdoor music festivals at this time. Mr. Wooddell stated he was considering a sports league, like maybe a late night under the lights kickball league at the Oxford Community Park. Mr. Kammer stated he thinks kickball could be very appealing to students. The board also discussed ideas of what students could do in small groups around the community, such as scavenger hunts. This is an idea Miami, OPRD and Enjoy Oxford could partner together on.

OPRD Program – Mr. Wooddell stated OPRD is considering some type of program that would allow Talawanda students to come to the TRI during the day and do their schoolwork with a dedicated supervisor. This would essentially provide the daytime care some parents need while allowing students to get their work done also. Holli Morrish indicated she would speak to the school district about this idea, and also help with potentially finding a school employee that may need some work responsibilities if Talawanda is forced to make cuts. Mr. Bennett asked how many Talawanda students do not have internet access? Last spring they had about 70 confirmed students that parents had identified they did not have internet. Some due to poverty and some because internet was not available in their remote area. They have sent out another survey for this upcoming school year. Talawanda is anticipating as much as 100 students this coming quarter.

Ms. Morrish indicated the Red Brick Friday events are going well in her opinion. She asked if they could maybe have music just not sit in the small area, still walk around and see if it can be expanded to the college students coming in? Mayor Smith noted the City is discussing this. Mr. Morrish indicated it seems like a great opportunity for towns people and students to mix and interact together.

Mr. Kammer mentioned a few additional events/programs to consider for students: Capture the Flag, Humans vs Zombies with nerf guns and the Bubble Ball sports where people are inside the bubbles.

- VII. Next Meeting:** September 3, 2020 – 11:30am. It's not yet determined if this meeting will be virtual or in-person.

- VIII. Adjournment:** Motioned by Mr. Bennett, Seconded by Ms. Morrish. Meeting Adjourned at 12:35pm.