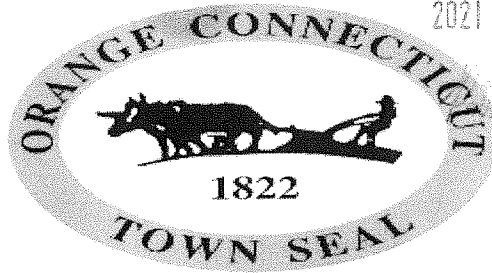


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*Ed S. O'Sullivan*  
TOWN CLERK

## **Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 24 , 2021

*(Unapproved)*

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Joseph Lembo, Stephen Bspuda, Deborah Davis, Dave Corris, Chuck Stackpole, James Ronai, Linda Kantor, and Jack Pritchard

**Commissioners Absent:** Vice Chairman James O'Connor

**Staff:** Dan Lynch, Director of Parks and Recreation; Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

**Guest:** Mr. Chris Small, Grounds Supervisor, Orange Parks and Recreation; Emine Demir, Student from Southern CT. University

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He thanked Mr. Lynch and all of the staff at Parks and Recreation for their hard work during this difficult time. He proceeded to ask Mr. Stackpole to run the meeting as he has been absent for a long time during his recovery.

### **2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

- Mr. Lynch introduced Emine Demir to the Commission members. She is in attendance at the meeting as part of her course requirements at college.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 27, 2021**

- The Commission members reviewed the minutes and made edits as needed.

*Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the revised January 27, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Stackpole. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Bendell indicated that there was no old business to discuss at this time. Additional items will be addressed within his Director's Report.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Update on Grounds & Fields – Mr. Chris Small

- Mr. Small reported that Brinley, Roche, and Stankey Fields were upgraded by United Illuminating with new LED lighting. Mr. Visnic and Cifarelli worked collaboratively on this project to secure the lights and a better rate for additional savings. Also, an outside contractor is installing astro turf at Goldberg Field to correct a drainage issue.
- Mr. Small noted that one of his spring crew will be leaving for a teaching position. He also noted that his crew received a raise in salaries which will make hiring from the outside easier if needed. Mr. Small might be adding more clay around third base line at Brinley Field as it still puddles up on occasion. Fred Wolfe Park is snow covered and seed was put down last year.

##### B. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bospuda

- There was no report at this time.

##### C. Personnel – James O'Connor

- There was no report at this time.

##### D. Budget

- Mr. Lynch advised that he attended a Zoom Budget Workshop last week to present their 2021-2022 proposed budget. There have been only a few budget increases for next year. Mr. Stackpole inquired about pavilion rentals and Mr. Lynch felt that it would be possible in late spring/summer, following CDC guidelines, to rent out the pavilions. The Boy Scouts event has been postponed to 2022 and they have reserved the dates. Mr. Lynch also has the dates set aside for the Orange Fireman's Carnival for this year.
- Ms. Davis inquired about Capital Projects and online registration. Mr. Lynch advised that there has been a budget increase for next year to implement new software for online registration. He added that he has not heard anything at this point regarding Capital Projects.

##### E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch advised that skating at Wright's Pond is finished due to the weather. There was no skating this year at Old Tavern. They are currently taking registration for April Vacation Camp and there will be forty participants. There are fourteen remaining openings. April fifth will begin registration for Summer Camp for residents and nonresidents can register

beginning April twelfth. Traveling Teens will hopefully be offered again this year with CDC guidelines.

- Mr. Lynch gave an update on aquatics. He reported that overhead lights were installed over the pool. Diving lessons are going well and full to capacity. Amity Boys' Swim Team has had virtual swim meets and Christian Heritage will be using the pool.
- Mr. Lynch thanks Ms. VonRabinstein for running the Ski Bums program. She added two additional weeks with one bus and twenty-two participants. Mr. Lynch also gave an update on upcoming programs for both youth and adults.

#### **F. Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Lembo again thanked all of the staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Kantor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Ms. Davis. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary