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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 22, 2019

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joseph Lembo, Stephen Bospuda, Dave Corris, James Ronai, and Linda Kantor

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Stackpole and James O'Connor

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

Guests: Mr. Thomas Pisano, President of the Orange Soccer Association; Mr. Simon Khairallah, Eagle Scout Troop 63

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., welcoming everyone. He asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves and then he proceeded to review the emergency exits.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 23, 2019

- The Commission members reviewed the minutes and made one correction.

Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the amended January twenty-third, 2019 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Bospuda seconded the motion and all were in favor, with Ms. Kantor abstaining. The motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Questions from the Previous Meeting

- As Mr. Lynch was not in attendance to address questions from last month's meeting, he touched briefly on a few of these topics from last month. They included signs to keep people off the fields at Old Tavern Sports Complex, security cameras for the fields, and proper maintenance by the teams using the fields. Mr. Lynch reported that the payments for field use have gone smoothly without issue.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Eagle Scout Presentation – Simon Khairallah

- Mr. Khairallah, a Life Scout of Woodbridge Troop 63, gave a brief history about himself and his involvement over the years with soccer. He then proceeded to explain in detail the project he would like to begin, pending all Town approvals. Mr. Khairallah would like to construct a safety shelter for team soccer players to wait for parent pickup. The shelter would provide shade as well as protection from rain and thunderstorms.
- Mr. Khairallah provided detailed information regarding the shelter, including location, dimensions, and other specifications. He also considered building benches/picnic tables, and providing LED lighting for the shelter. He will enlist the volunteerism of a construction company, the help of fellow scouts, and the support of an architect to guide the project.
- Mr. Khairallah thanked Mr. Pisano for helping financially with this project. He also thanked Mr. John Reilly, Scout Leader of Woodbridge Troop 63.
- Mr. Pisano noted that the project might begin late April and Orange Fence Company would fence in the construction area as a safety precaution. In addition, the shelter will be grounded as a safety protocol. The Parks and Recreation Commission felt that this project would be a good addition to the park and that it did not conflict with the overall Master Plan for the property.

B. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bspuda

- Mr. Bspuda noted that there has been some skating at Wright's Pond. Unfortunately, skaters do not always remove the hockey goals and they either freeze or sink when the ice thaws.
- Mr. Pisano expressed thanks that the fields at Mary L. Tracy were sodded. He also inquired when the teams could begin using the fields. A discussion followed with some guidelines in place for field use.

C. Personnel

- Mr. Lynch spoke with the First Selectman about hiring additional grounds help. There is currently an advertisement in the paper and all resumes needed to be sent to Mr. Lynch by February 28th.

D. Budget

- There were no issues or concerns at this time.

E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch reported that the 2019-2020 budget was presented to the Board of Finance and the Finance Director on Friday, February 1, 2019.
- Mr. Lynch read the Programs Report into the minutes, highlighting the Adult Volleyball League, the Youth Basketball League, the Men's Basketball League, the Ski Bums Program, and the two ski trips to Catamount and Butternut.
- Mr. Lynch noted that the pool would be closed on Friday, March first, for the Town pool and locker room renovations and the expected completion date is June thirtieth. He included the Aquatic and Program Report in the Commissioners' packets.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Mr. Corris asked Mr. Lembo to give an update on the tennis courts. Mr. Lembo has not heard anything back regarding this Capital Expenditure.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ronai moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Mr. Corris. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary