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**Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Town Hall Meeting Room – 7:30 p.m.

February 28, 2018

*(Unapproved)*

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Joseph Lembo, Vice Chairman James O'Connor, David Corris, Linda Kantor, James Ronai, and Stephen Bspuda

**Commissioners Absent:** Chuck Stackpole

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

**Guests:** Chris Prokop and Mark Moyer, Orange Recycling Committee

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman Lembo called the February twenty-eighth, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. Chairman Lembo spoke accolades about Lisa Zarny, and invited the other members to share their kind words in remembrance of her. Everyone agreed that she would be sorely missed.

**2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

- Mr. Moyer, 971 Rainbow Trail, Orange, and Mr. Prokop, both members of the Orange Recycling Committee, reported that the committee purchased about sixty blue recycle bins with covers. They sought the assistance of the Parks and Recreation Department in utilizing the bins to the fullest. They would like the bins used for all of the activities at the High Plains Fairgrounds, including the concerts and Strawberry Festival. Mr. Ronai would appreciate these recycle bins at the ball fields at Fred Wolfe Park and Old Tavern Sports Complex, and it was suggested that they contact Public Works as well. Mr. Moyer expressed his appreciation of Chris Small for his assistance with the Orange Recycling Committee.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2018

*Mr. Bespuda made a motion to approve the January twenty-fourth, 2018 Parks and Recreation minutes, seconded by Mr. Corris. All were in favor, with Ms. Kantor abstaining. The motion PASSED.*

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Questions from Previous Meeting

- Mr. Lynch reported that he called Green Meadow Farms about using the High Plains Fairgrounds in the future, but he has yet to hear back from them. He also stated that heavy equipment couldn't be utilized at Wright's Pond to clear the snow. The skaters have been doing a good job of shoveling the snow for skating and hockey.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Grounds and Facilities – Mr. Bespuda

- Mr. Bespuda had nothing to report at this time.

#### B. Budget – Dan Lynch

- The Parks and Recreation 2018-2019 budget presentation was made before the Board of Finance and the Finance Director on Friday, February second, 2018. Mr. Lynch will report back to the Commission as soon as he hears back from them. There were no questions on the current budget.

#### C. Personnel - James O'Connor

- Mr. O'Connor had nothing to report at this time.

#### D. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch informed the OGAT audience of the important upcoming dates:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – Board of Finance Budget Hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Board of Selectman Meeting and Annual Town Meeting at High Plains Community Center Gym

Wednesday, May 23, 2016 – Town Referendum from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at High Plains Community Center Gym

- Mr. Lynch reported that an Advisory Committee, led by Mr. Goodwin, Athletic Director of Amity, would begin meeting on a regular basis to discuss ongoing field maintenance of Brinley and DeGennaro Fields. The initial meeting held on February thirteenth had excellent representation from all users of these fields and there was a good discussion. A follow up meeting will be held on Tuesday, March sixth, at the High Plains Aquatic Training Room, to discuss the rules and regulations of the fields.
- Registration for the April Vacation Camp that will be held from Monday, April sixteenth, through Friday, April twentieth, has begun. Registration is also open for the Pizza and Paint event to be held on Saturday, March seventeenth. Mr. Lynch concluded by noting that an Aquatic Report and a Programs Report was included in the Commissioners' packets.

E. Amity High School Field Use Request

- Mr. Lynch noted that they are uncertain as to when Brinley Field will be ready for use and will need to table Mr. Goodwin's Varsity Baseball request for Saturday, May twelfth, and Wednesday, May sixteenth. However, Stankye Field will be ready for girls' softball and the Commission can approve this request.

*Mr. Bspuda made a motion to approve the use of Stankey Field for the Varsity Softball on Wednesday, May sixteenth, and Friday, May eighteenth. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.*

*Mr. O'Connor made a motion to table the request for use of Brinley Field on Saturday, May twelfth, and Wednesday, May sixteenth, for Varsity Baseball. Ms. Kantor seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.*

- Ms. Kantor led a brief discussion about encouraging girls to wear helmets during lacrosse and other sports. The Commission agreed that helmets are needed protection in many sports.

**6. Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Lembo discussed some of the Parks and Recreation Department's requests to the Capital Planning Committee. He indicated that the repair of the tennis courts did not appear to hold top priority in the list of Capital improvements.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ronai. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary