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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joseph Lembo, Stephen Bospuda, Dave Corris, James Ronai, Chuck Stackpole, James O'Connor, and Linda Kantor

Staff: Dan Lynch, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming everyone. He asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –March 27, 2019

- The Commission members reviewed the minutes for approval.

Mr. Bospuda made a motion to approve the March twenty-seventh, 2019 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion and all were in favor, with Mr. O'Connor abstaining. The motion PASSED.

[Mr. Stackpole arrived at the Parks and Recreation meeting.]

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Questions from the Previous Meeting

- Mr. Lynch explained that the Recording Secretary was unable to attend due to a conflict with a Board of Finance meeting being held at the High Plains Community Center. Both

Mr. Lynch and Chairman Lembo reported at this time that the Parks and Recreation Department did not get Capital funding for the tennis courts or the Sand Pro Machine.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bspuda

- Mr. Bspuda noted that all of the fields are wet due to the rain. He added that the Highway Department will be working on squaring off the parking lot at Fred Wolfe Park, making it slightly larger. Mr. Lynch added that one new seasonal worker started April first and summer camp counselor applications are being taken until this Friday.

B. Personnel – James O’Connor

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

C. Budget

- The Commission members reviewed the budget. Chairman Lembo inquired about certain line items that were expended, and Mr. Lynch advised that money could be transferred into those line items. Mr. O’Connor also inquired about line item Machinery & Equipment and Repair expended at 11½ %. Mr. Lynch noted that this money will be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year.

D. Director’s Report

- Mr. Lynch reported that spring registration for all land-based programs has begun. Registration for the Travelin’ Teens program began on Monday, April twenty-second for Orange residents, and it is the busiest registration day of the year. Registration for Day Camp will begin on Monday, April twenty-ninth, for Orange residents.
- Mr. Lynch gave a brief update on the locker room and pool renovations and the South Wing renovations. Commission members are more than welcome to visit the construction site to see the progress. To date, the work is on schedule. Contractors will also be hired to work on the pump system while the pool is closed.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Mr. Lembo was disappointed that the tennis courts at High Plains Community Center will not be funded in this budget, particularly in light of the seniors who wanted the courts for pickle ball. He spoke with Mr. Okenquist as well as the First Selectman and they are both sympathetic to this cause, but there are simply limited available funds.
- There was a discussion among the Commission members regarding the use of the money in the pavilion rentals and Parks and Recreation Self Support to purchase the Sand Pro

machine and repair the tennis courts at High Plains. The Commission will continue to explore all avenues to provide two tennis courts to Orange residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Corris moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Kantor. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary