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

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

*(Unapproved)*

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** James Ronai and Linda Kantor

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

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

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves. He advised that Mr. Lynch would be arriving late due to a prior commitment.

### **2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

- There was no public dialogue at this time.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 25, 2018**

- The Commission members reviewed the July minutes and made corrections as required.

*Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the amended July twenty-fifth, 2018 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Bospuda seconded the motion and all were in favor, with Mr. O'Connor abstaining. The motion PASSED.*

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

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

- Mr. Bespuda reported that the fields are resting and the crew is busy cutting the fast growing grass. Fall Ball will begin after Labor Day and soccer and lacrosse season also starts in September.

[Mr. Lynch and Mr. Stackpole arrived at 7:49 p.m.]

##### B. Personnel – Mr. O'Connor

- Mr. O'Connor had no report at this time. He indicated that the Commission should be getting an update on Summer Camp next month.

##### C. Budget

- The Commission members reviewed the budget and there were no questions at this time.

##### D. Director's Report & Old Business

- Mr. Lynch reported that the Orange Little League, Orange Soccer Association, Boy's and Girls Lacrosse, and ARAC would be attending subsequent Parks and Recreation meetings, in this order, to discuss any issues or concerns. In addition, Mr. Bendell and Ms. Middleton would be presenting a Summer Camp Report at next month's meeting.
- Mr. Lynch thanked all of the Parks and Recreation staff, the Camp Directors, camp staff, office staff, aquatics staff, maintenance and custodial staff and the parks staff for helping to make another successful summer. Mr. Lynch briefly discussed the attendance of both Summer Camp and Traveling Teens with the Commission. A more detailed report will be presented next month.
- Mr. Lynch advised that there have been a number of picnic reservations, Town functions, Farmers' Market, concerts, and other events using the pavilions at the High Plains Fairgrounds over this summer. In addition, the Orange Country Fair is scheduled for September fifteenth and sixteenth.
- Mr. Lembo advised that he spoke with Mr. Okenquist about fixing the tennis courts at High Plains as part of their "wish list" for Capital Improvements for next year.
- There was a brief discussion about the pool locker room renovations and the subsequent pool shutdown. The pool will be closed when construction begins for approximately 3-4 months. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that the pool did not have its annual three-week shutdown this month. Mr. Lynch advised that arrangements have been made with JCC and the Woodbridge Town pool to use their pools in the interim whenever construction begins. ARAC has also made other arrangements.

- It was pointed out that the existing locker rooms are over fifty years old and this is a much-needed renovation. Mr. Lynch also advised that the renovations of the South Wing at High Plains would begin September tenth.
- Mr. O'Connor expressed some concern regarding the high use of the lawn mowers and inquired if the Department will be getting additional mowers in the future. Mr. Lynch advised that Mr. Small and the Department would be adding this request on their "wish list" for Capital Improvements for 2019.
- Mr. O'Connor asked if the organizations using Brinley and DeGennaro Fields are being billed accordingly, and Mr. Lynch advised that there have been no problems whatsoever. The Parks and Recreation Department handle all of the scheduling for soccer and lacrosse games as well. Mr. O'Connor stated that the fields look good, however, the fields at Fred Wolfe Park need to be continually aerated.
- A copy of the Aquatic Report and Programs Report was included in the Commissioners' packets.

#### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Chairman Lembo had nothing additional to discuss at this time.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Bspuda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. O'Connor. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary