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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

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

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Stackpole

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

Guests: Jeff Cap, CT Yankee Council of Boy Scouts of America

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 –July 24, 2019

Mr. Bspuda made a motion to approve the July twenty-fourth, 2019 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Corris seconded the motion, with Mr. Ronai and Mr. O'Connor abstaining. The motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Questions from the Previous Meeting

- Mr. Lynch recapped the presentation Mr. Zeoli made at last month's meeting regarding the proposed work to be done at Fred Wolfe Park. The proposal was well received by the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- Mr. Lynch advised that the tennis courts would be repaired soon, as this work will be going out to bid. The new tennis courts will also be lined for pickle ball. The tennis courts at Eisenhower Park in Milford as well as the courts at Fieldstone Village on Grassy Hill Road are very well used and it is expected that the new tennis courts at High Plains will also be well received by residents.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Boy Scout CT Jam 2021- Jeff Cap, CT Yankee Council of Boy Scouts of America

- Mr. Cap, 311 Lambert Road, spoke about this upcoming event that is held every three years at the Fairgrounds. The event begins Friday evening with a Saturday sleepover and cleans up on Sunday morning. Over 5,000 Boy Scouts are expected from Orange and the surrounding areas, with about 3,000 that actually sleep overnight.
- Mr. Cap explained that the Orange Police Department will direct traffic during the event. There will be demonstrations, music, and possibly fireworks at the closing ceremony. The Boy Scouts will use the pool, the fields, and classrooms, and the dates of May 14-16, 2021 were requested. Mr. Lynch advised that this weekend is open for the Boy Scouts Jamboree.
- The Boy Scout organization will pay the Town of Orange \$500 for the weekend, and cover the additional fees for lifeguards, custodial services, and the police. They will also bring in additional outhouses for the weekend.

Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bspuda

- Mr. Bspuda reported that the fields look good. The concrete slab for the gazebo near the Fred Wolf soccer field is being completed. Mr. Bspuda noted that there are some trees near the sprinkler house that should be cut down. He also spoke with Mr. Pisano about fixing the fence. Lastly, the Highway Department widened the driveway entranceway into the park.

B. Budget

- The Commission members reviewed the budget report and there were no questions or concerns at this time. Mr. Lynch reported that the pool membership is down as the pool remains closed due to some minor issues that need to be addressed. He is hopeful that the pool will reopen after Labor Day. He concluded by noting that Summer Camp was not affected by the pool closure, as all of the campers enjoyed the additional outside water activities.

D. Personnel

- There was nothing new to report at this time.

E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch reported that the Parks and Recreation Department had a fantastic summer. He gave his appreciation to all of the Parks and Recreation staff, Camp Directors, Camp staff, office staff, aquatics staff, maintenance and custodial staff for another great year. This year brought very high attendance both for Day Camp and Traveling Teens.
- Mr. Lynch invited the Commission members to tour the South Wing to see the renovations. He is very pleased with the work that was done. He concluded by noting that the Aquatic Report and Program Report was included in the Commissioners' packets.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman Lembo had nothing to add at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ronai 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,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary