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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Approved

ATTENDANCE

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

Commissioners Absent: Dave Corris

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

Guests: Scott Bendell, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Stephanie Middleton, Director of Day Camp

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves. He welcomed Mr. Bendell and Ms. Middleton.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 22, 2018

Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the August twenty-second, 2018 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Bospuda seconded the motion and all were in favor, with Mr. Ronai and Ms. Kantor abstaining. The motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Questions from the Previous Meeting – Dan Lynch

- Mr. Lynch advised that Mr. Visnic, President of the Orange Little League, was unable to attend the September Parks and Recreation meeting due to a conflict of scheduling. He also noted that ARAC, Orange Soccer Association, or Lacrosse representatives would be in attendance at the October Parks and Recreation meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Camp 2018 Reports- Scott Bendell & Stephanie Middleton

- Mr. Bendell gave a brief recap on Summer Camp, noting that the overall enrollment for Day Camp and Traveling Teens increased slightly from last year. He reported that the nurse, Elle, has retired so this will be her last year working at Summer Camp. Ms. Middleton added that there were five newly hired counselors and they worked out very well. Overall, there were minimal issues. A detailed report was included in the Commissioners' packets.
- Mr. Bendell mentioned that the renovations to the south wing of High Plains Community Center will improve Summer Camp next year, as all of the rooms will be air conditioned and the ceiling tiles will be fixed.
- The Commission expressed their appreciation to all of the staff that helped to make it a successful summer for the Parks and Recreation Department. A special thanks was extended to Mr. Bendell, Ms. Middleton, who has been running the Day Camp for eight years, and to Mike O'Brien, Coordinator of Traveling Teens.

B. Orange Little League Update - Mike Visnic, Orange Little League President

- Mr. Lynch advised that Mr. Visnic, President of the Orange Little League, left a thorough report on behalf of Orange Little League. Mr. Lynch read this updated report to the Commissioners in its entirety.

[See Addendum to the Minutes filed at Town Hall]

C. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bespuda

- Mr. Besupda noted that Chris Small and the Grounds Crew are doing a great job. Mr. Lynch concurred with this assessment, noting that the entire crew worked diligently to ready the High Plains field for the Wednesday night playoff championship softball game. Rick Capecelatro reported to Steve that there has been minimal damage to Brinley and DeGennaro fields due to the recent flooding.

D. Personnel – Jim O’Connor

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

E. Budget

- The Commissioners reviewed the budget and there was some concern that 50% of the money in field improvements has been depleted. Mr. Lynch explained that this expenditure was in reference to Brinley and DeGennaro fields.

F. Director’s Report

- Mr. Lynch thanked everyone involved in helping to make this a successful summer. He also noted that the pool will remain open through October and he will give an update on the locker room renovations at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.
- Mr. Lynch reported that the Orange Country Fair went well, and upcoming events include the Funtober at the Fairgrounds, scheduled for October twenty-seventh, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a rain date of October twenty-eight. Ms. Middleton added that a Thriller Dance Workshop and hayride is also scheduled.

G. Election of Parks and Recreation Commission Officers

Chairman Election

Mr. O’Connor made a motion to nominate Mr. Lembo as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Stackpole seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Mr. O’Connor made a motion to close the nominations and elect Mr. Lembo as Chairman. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion PASSED.

Vice Chairman Election

Mr. Bspuda made a motion to nominate Mr. O’Connor as Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Mr. Stackpole made a motion to close the nominations and elect Mr. O’Connor as Vice Chairman. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion PASSED.

Secretary

Mr. Bospuda made a motion to nominate Mr. Stackpole as Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Mr. Bospuda made a motion to close the nominations and elect Mr. Stackpole as Secretary. Ms. Kantor seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman Lembo thanked the Commission members and all of the staff for their hard work. He gave a brief overview of the improvements that have been made via the Parks and Recreation Department. He added that he is hoping to improve the tennis courts and will continue to look for innovative ideas to improve the properties.
- Ms. Kantor added that Racebrook Tract is beautiful for dog walking and appreciates the water fountain for dogs that was installed at High Plains Fairgrounds.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kantor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Stackpole. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary