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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

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

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Stackpole and James Ronai

Staff: Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., welcoming everyone. He asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves. He mentioned that Mr. Lynch was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –September 25, 2019

Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the September twenty-fifth, 2019 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Bospuda seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Mr. Corris and Mr. O'Connor abstaining. The motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Questions from the Previous Meeting

- In the absence of Mr. Lynch, Chairman Lembo spoke on the record success of Summer Camp, as there was a very high enrollment this year. The only problem was in securing a nurse for Summer Camp, due to the low salary being offered. Mr. Lynch will be going before the Personnel Board to discuss this problem in the hope of obtaining a higher salary for the nurse position for next year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Children's Fun Run & 5k Road Race for Orange Elementary Schools - Diane Fuehrlein, Vice President, Peck Place PTO

- Chairman Lembo read the informational letter regarding this event, which, if approved, would be held on Saturday, May 30th, 2020 at High Plains Community Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the event would be to encourage our town, in particular our children, to focus on health and activity. If approved, the request will go before the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Mr. Bispuda made a motion to approve the Children's Fun Run and 5K Road Race for Orange Elementary Schools. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bispuda

- Mr. Bispuda reported that the gazebo at Fred Wolfe Park is finished and trees have been cut down as an area is being cleared for a barrier free playground. The area is also being cleared for an emergency egress exit.

C. Personnel

- There was nothing new to report at this time.

D. Budget

- There were no questions or concerns regarding the budget at this time.

E. Director's Report

- In Mr. Lynch's absence, Chairman Lembo read in its entirety the Director's Report. The Funtober will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on the Fairgrounds. The rain date is October 27th. An Aquatic Report and a Programs Report was included in the Commissioners' packets.

F. Approval of 2020 Commission meeting Dates

Mr. Bispuda made a motion to approve the Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates as presented in the Memo. Mr. Corris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Mr. O'Connor spoke about the December fourth referendum to vote on a bond for building upgrades and athletic upgrades for Amity. The athletic upgrades include a new scoreboard, bleachers, a football field, and an all weather turf field. Mr. O'Connor

explained that the Town of Orange is the only town in the DRG that does not have a turf field. He added that turf fields have been proven to be completely safe. Chairman Lembo encouraged residents to come out to the meeting and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bspuda. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary