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

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

*(Unapproved)*

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Joseph Lembo, Stephen Bospuda, James Ronai, and Linda Kantor

**Commissioners Absent:** Chuck Stackpole, Dave Corris, and James O'Connor

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

**Guests:** Tom Pisano, President of the Orange Soccer Association

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

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves.

### **2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

- Ms. Debbie Farber, 347 Hotchkiss Road, asked for an update on the repair of the tennis courts at High Plains and the lining of the tennis courts for pickleball. Mr. Lembo explained that this is a request that the Parks and Recreation Department intends to present before the Ad Hoc Planning Committee this year.
- Mr. Lembo felt that the central location of High Plains was the ideal choice for tennis courts. Ms. Farber also pointed out that the tennis courts currently at Peck Place School are unavailable for use while school is in session. Mr. Lynch asked Mr. Kraut, from Newport Tennis, for some information on the price of synthetic courts that have lower maintenance and repair costs.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2018**

*Mr. Bspuda made a motion to approve the September twenty-sixth, 2018 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Questions from the Previous Meeting – Dan Lynch**

- Mr. Lynch provided Mr. Lembo with information on an outdoor fitness room located in Cleveland.
- Mr. Lynch also researched the stocking of the ponds in the Town of Orange. Currently, the DEP stocks two locations in the town. These locations are the bridge area by Grassy Hill Road/Derby Milford Road and on Route 34, below the dam. Private lakes within the town are not stocked. The stocking of fish is costly and the depth and temperature of Wright's Pond and Old Tavern Pond will not support the procreation of fish. The Trout Derby was an event in the 1960's -1970's, but the town no longer offers this event.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Orange Soccer Association Update- Tom Pisano, President**

- Mr. Pisano, 523 Ferry Road, gave an update on the Orange Soccer Association. He noted that the sport is growing in enrollment among five year olds, and there are only four fields at Mary L. Tracy School to support soccer. There are currently 107 children enrolled to play. Mr. Pisano has permission from the OBOE to allow dogs during Sunday soccer, and he brings his therapy dog Lily as well. It is a wonderful family time for everyone involved.
- Mr. Pisano noted that Mr. Hoffman is Co-President of the Orange Soccer Association and runs the Travel Teams comprised of Orange, Woodbridge, and Bethany residents. A clinic for children to learn the sport is also held at Fred Wolfe Park. Temporary lighting is brought in for this clinic.
- Mr. Pisano discussed some needed repairs at the soccer fields at Mary L. Tracy. He also pointed out that there are some dead trees of concern as they could be a potential safety issue with falling branches. He thanked Mr. McNeil for running the Ice Cream Truck and Cultural Fair fundraisers to support lacrosse and soccer.
- Lastly, Mr. Pisano asked the Parks and Recreation Department to petition for an increase in funds to fertilize the fields. He also wished that the Town of Orange could have a lighted turf field, preferably at Fred Wolfe Park. A turf field can be used for a multitude of different sports. Mr. Lembo added that he would like to see the second entrance into

that field. Mr. Lembo asked Mr. Lynch to inquire as to the actual cost of a turf field. Mr. Bospuda added that fundraisers could help to defray some of the cost.

B. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bospuda

- Mr. Bospuda indicated that the dead trees or any down trees could not be removed until the winter, once the ground is hard. Mr. Small will take a look at this issue with the dead trees. Mr. Stewart will be contacted to look into the repair of the window at the lacrosse shed. It will be replaced with Plexiglas rather than glass.

C. Personnel

- In Mr. O'Connor's absence, Mr. Lynch indicated that there was nothing to report.

D. Budget

- In reviewing the budget, it was noted that Medical Expenses had not yet been expended. Ms. Kantor inquired about this line item, which led to a discussion about the responsibility of coaches regarding medical issues of their players. Mr. Pisano noted that medical inhalers, epipens, and other medical issues are the responsibility of the parents, not the coaches. Medical kits have bandages and some basic requirements, but for emergencies when parents are not available, coaches are instructed to call 911.
- Ms. Kantor inquired about the requirements for helmets for sports. Mr. Pisano noted that with the game of soccer, headers are not allowed until the child is twelve years old.

E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch mentioned that the FunTober event is coming this weekend at the High Plains Fairgrounds. Food vendors, Amazing Andy, games, a costume parade, and crafts will make this a fun event. The date is Saturday, October twenty-seventh, with a rain date of Sunday, October twenty-eighth.
- Mr. Lynch gave a brief update on the locker room renovations and noted that Amity High School and ARAC will be using the pool through November or until further notice. A Programs Report and an Aquatic Report were included in the Commissioners' packets.

F. Approval of 2019 Commission Meeting Dates

- The Commission members reviewed the 2019 meeting dates as presented.

***Mr. Bospuda made a motion to approve the 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates as presented. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.***

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman Lembo had nothing else to report at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Kantor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ronai. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary