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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28, 2020

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman James O'Connor, Stephen Bospuda, Dave Corris, James Ronai, Deborah Davis, and Jack Pritchard

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Joseph Lembo, Linda Kantor, and Chuck Stackpole

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Vice Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He was pleased to be allowed to hold the first in person meeting since the pandemic. He noted that Mr. Bendell would be missed and remembered for all of his good work in the department.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2020

Mr. Bospuda made a motion to approve the February twenty-sixth, 2020 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Lynch gave monthly updates to all of the Commissioners. He was very pleased with all of the staff during the shut down, citing that they all did a fabulous job.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bospuda

- Mr. Bepuda had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Lynch again complimented all of the staff for the great job they did over the summer. The department is currently very busy with the clean up of all the leaves.

C. Personnel – James O’Connor

- Vice Chairman O’Connor again thanked Mr. Bendell and wished him all of the best. Unfortunately, the Board of Finance had to make some very difficult decisions and cuts due to the finances.

D. Budget

- Mr. Lynch mentioned that the Town switched over to a new system called Munis and the reports generated will look somewhat different. However, all the information generated will be the same.
- There were no questions or concerns regarding the budget at this time.

E. Director’s Report

- Mr. Lynch thanked Sue, Lynn, Stephanie, and Sam, who is helping in the fitness room. Summer Camp went extremely well and complied with the new state safety regulations. They averaged 80-90 campers per week, and individual groups remained separate from each other throughout the camp day. Everyone was safe and no one got sick.
- Mr. Lynch reported that baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse continued over the summer. The pool remains open and locker rooms are now open as well. However, there is no shower or hairdryers allowed and masks must be worn at all times while in the locker rooms.
- Mr. Lynch noted that their website is up-to-date with hours and programs being offered. There was a Halloween Drive last Saturday in cooperation with Orange Youth Services. The Rotary Club donated toward “goodie bags” and there was an outside movie. The event went very well.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ronai moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Davis. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary