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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 - Zoom Meeting

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

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

Commissioners Absent: Jack Pritchard, Dave Corris, and Deborah Davis

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 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. President Lembo was warmly welcomed by all of the Commission members. Mr. Lembo wished to express his appreciation for Mr. Bendell and wished him well.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 28, 2020

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business discussed at the time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bespuda

- Mr. Bespuda had nothing to report at this time.

C. Personnel – James O'Connor

- Vice Chairman O'Connor had nothing to report at this time.

D. Budget

- Mr. Lynch reported that the 2020-2021 proposed budget will be submitted to the Board of Finance by the end of the week. Vice Chair O'Connor asked members to review the current budget report and become familiar with the new format generated by the Munis system. There were no questions on the budget at this time.

E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch reported that the mowing and leaf removal has concluded for the year and the crews are preparing for the snow removal.
- Due to the pandemic, there was no holiday festival this year. However, the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade on December 6th was well received. The Winter Brochure is online and some programs, such as Ski Bums, are being offered with safety restrictions. A skill/drill program concluded and will be offered again in January for 2nd thru 6th graders.
- All Town buildings will be closed tomorrow due to the snowstorm. Mr. Lynch read the Aquatic Report in its entirety. He concluded by thanking all of the Parks and Recreation staff and crew.
- Mr. Stackpole inquired about the status of the repair of the tennis courts at High Plains. It is on the Capital Projects List, the money has been allocated, and repair of the courts is anticipated this spring.
- Vice Chairman O'Connor would like to bring the community together after relief from the pandemic and would like to brainstorm ideas. Mr. Ronai will apply for the Community Grant offered by the Lions Club, in the hope of hosting an outdoor athletics event in June.
- Vice Chairman O'Connor would like to invite Ms. VonRabenstein to their next meeting to give a comprehensive update on the pool and her future vision for the aquatic program. Mr. Small will also be invited to a subsequent meeting.

- Mr. Bspuda noted that many residents are making skating rinks in their yard. He would like the Commission members to consider a future skating rink at High Plains. A new liner and other equipment will be needed and the funding may come from the pavilion rental or field use account.
- Mr. Lembo concluded the meeting with a brief update on the Capital Planning Committee. He thanked all of the staff and crew at Parks and Recreation and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ronai moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Ms. Kantor. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary