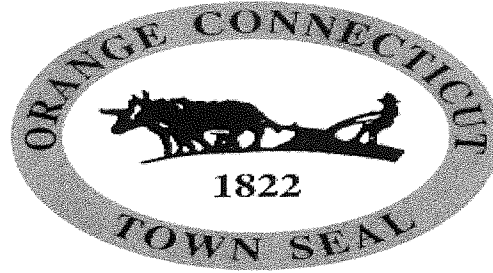


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TOWN CLERK



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

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 18, 2019

*(Unapproved)*

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Chairman Joseph Lembo, Chuck Stackpole, and James Ronai

**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 7:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves, expressing his sentiment that Mr. Lembo is missed and is wished a full recovery.

### **2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

- There was no public dialogue.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –October 23 & November 20, 2019**

#### **October 23, 2019 Minutes**

- Mr. Bospuda made a revision to the October 23, 2019 minutes.

*Mr. Bospuda made a motion to approve the amended October 23, 2019 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Corris seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

## November 20, 2019 Minutes

*Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Bespuda. All were in favor, with Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Kantor abstained. The motion **PASSED**.*

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. Questions from the Previous Meeting

- Mr. Lynch advised that any Old Business would be covered in the Director's Report. It was noted that the Children's Fun Run event has been temporarily put on hold.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bespuda

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

#### C. Personnel – James O'Connor

- 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

- Mr. Lynch reported that the 2020-2021 budget was handed in the Finance Department with a zero based approach, as was requested.
- The Seasonal Grounds Crew has finished for the year and will be invited to come back at the end of March. All athletic striping, mowing, and leaf removal has been completed and the weather concerns are now snow and ice.
- Mr. Lynch highlighted some of the recent programs that were offered through the Parks and Recreation Department, which include the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade and Drive-in Movie event. He commended Lynn, Sue, and Chris for making this such a successful event in less than a week.
- Mr. Lynch made mention of the Cookie Swap and thanked Stephanie Middleton for organizing this event. He also reported that the Ski Bums program is full and that there is a waitlist. Other upcoming events include three ski trips to Mt. Peter, Butternut, and Thunder Ridge for 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders.

- Winter registration for land-based programs will begin on Monday, December sixteenth, and all information on programs is available online at [www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov). Mr. Lynch noted that the Adult Volleyball League and the Youth Basketball League have begun and the Men's Basketball League will begin on January 9, 2020.
- Swim lesson registration began on Monday, December sixteenth for January classes, and a Lifeguard Challenge class is scheduled for Saturday, December twenty-first. Amity High School and Christian Heritage boys swim teams started have their swim season at the pool. ARAC's annual meet was a huge success. ARAC swimmers broke several meet records.
- Mr. Lynch noted that representatives of ARAC, Amity Boys and Girls Youth Lacrosse, Orange Soccer Association, and Orange Little League will be invited to the monthly Parks and Recreation meetings, beginning in January.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

- Vice Chairman O'Connor spoke briefly on the Amity referendum, which was approved. The approved work will begin after school graduation next year. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary