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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joseph Lembo, Stephen Bespuda, Dave Corris, Chuck Stackpole, and Linda Kantor

Commissioners Absent: James Ronai and James O'Connor

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Lembo called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked the Parks and Recreation Commission members to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2018

Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the November twenty-eighth, 2018 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Kantor seconded the motion and all were in favor, with Mr. Stackpole abstaining. The motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Questions from the Previous Meeting – Dan Lynch

- Mr. Lynch advised that the few dead spots at DeGennaro Field have been taken care of by Chris Small.

- Mr. Lynch reported that representatives of the Amity Boys and Girls Lacrosse will be coming to the January Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and ARAC representatives will be coming to their Commission meeting in February.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bspuda

- Mr. Lynch reported that the seasonal crew finished last week.
- There was a brief discussion about the repair of the fields at Mary L. Tracy and the need to allow the new sod to take root this coming spring. Signs will be posted this spring advising all residents to stay off the fields.
- Mr. Lynch advised that the locker room renovations will begin in March and the pool will remain open until this time. The renovations are expected to take three months to complete.

B. Personnel

- There was nothing to report at this time.

C. Budget

- The Commission members reviewed the budget and there were no questions or concerns at this time.

D. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch advised that the proposed 2019-2020 department budget will be submitted the end of this month. A zero based approach has been utilized, with no increases to the budget line items unless there is a strong case to support the increase.
- All athletic striping, mowing, and leaf removal has been concluded for the year.
- Mr. Lynch highlighted some of the upcoming programs being offered. He noted that a swim lesson program would be offered, as the pool will remain open until the end of February. Mr. Lynch spoke on the Adult Volleyball League, the Youth Basketball League, the Cookie Swap held on December eighth, and the Ski Bums program. There are currently thirteen spots still open in the Ski Bums program. Mr. Lynch also discussed the upcoming trips to Catamount and Butternut.
- Lastly, Mr. Lynch noted that holiday hours for the pool are posted on the website. An Aquatic Report has been included in the Commissioners' packets.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman Lembo spoke about the role of the Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee. He explained that this Committee would meet with the different Town Departments to discuss their capital expenditures. Parks and Recreation have requested funds to resurface the tennis courts at High Plains Community Center and Peck Place School.
- The second request of the Parks and Recreation Department is the purchase of a Sandpro machine with manual blade and a Belmont Landscape Utility Trailer. Parks and Recreation Department would also like to have the gym floor at High Plains repaired, but this Capital Request is mutually shared with other Town departments that make use of the gym. This is the location for polling and many community activities and Town meetings.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kantor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Mr. Corris. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary