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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Approved

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman James O'Connor, Stephen Bespuda, Jack Pritchard, Dave Corris, James Ronai, and Chuck Stackpole

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Joseph Lembo, Deborah Davis, and Linda Kantor

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

Guest: Sue VonRabenstein, Aquatic Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Vice Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He welcomed Ms. VonRabenstein to the meeting.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue. Mr. Lynch used this opportunity to thank Ms. VonRabenstein for stepping up during the pandemic by helping with Summer Camp, the Youth Basketball Skills Clinic, Ski Bums Program, the Food to Kids Program, and more. The Commission members also expressed their appreciation for Ms. VonRabenstein's hard work.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2020

Mr. Bespuda made a motion to approve the December sixteenth, 2020 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Ronai seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Mr. Corris and Mr. Pritchard abstaining. The motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Lynch advised that Mr. Chris Small will be coming to their February meeting and the representatives of Orange Little League, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, and the Orange Soccer

Association will be coming to the Parks and Recreation meeting during the months of March-May. The skating rink at High Plains Community Center will be budgeted for next year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update and Information about Orange Town Pool - Sue VonRabenstein

- Ms. VonRabenstein reported that the pool has remained open during the pandemic with limited hours. They are open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday only. The showers and the new locker rooms remain closed. No swim lessons are being allowed, although a diving program was approved. There have been no reported cases of staff or swim team participants contacting COVID.

C. Personnel – James O’Connor

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

D. Budget

- The Commission members reviewed the year-to-date Budget Report and Mr. Lynch took questions as they arose.

E. Director’s Report

- Mr. Lynch reported that until further notice, all meetings will be held via Zoom. The Parks and Recreation Department is no longer testing the ice at Wright’s Pond but continues to put up signage. The recent weather has not allowed for ice skating at the ponds.
- The 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates were included in the Commissioners’ packets. Mr. Lynch reported that due to the pandemic, the Fitness Room is open Monday through Friday with reduced hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their website has been updated to reflect upcoming programs. April Vacation Camp will be offered this spring, with a maximum of 40 children.
- Mr. Ronai inquired about any future plans to replace the High Plains Community Center gym floor. It was noted that the gym is used by many Town departments and this item has been added as a Capital Project request.

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