



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

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday January 26, 2022

**Approved**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman James O'Connor, Vice Chairman Stephen Bspuda, Deborah Davis, Linda Kantor, James Ronai, William Nicoletti, Jack Pritchard, and Dave Corris

**Commissioners Absent:** Chuck Stackpole

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

**Guests:** Tom Pisano, President of the Orange Soccer Association

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:34 and asked the Commission members to introduce themselves. He reviewed the emergency exists for the audience.

### **2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

- Mr. Pisano, 523 Fairway Road, Orange, advised that the soccer and lacrosse teams would not be using the new field at Fred Wolfe Park. He also inquired as to the location of the proposed playground on the property and if the Parks and Recreation Department has approved this request.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 15, 2021**

*Mr. Bspuda made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Davis. All were in favor, with Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Corris abstaining. The motion **PASSED**.*

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Lynch reported that the liner and other equipment for the Ice Rink is on backorder and they will be looking into ordering everything this summer for next year. Lots of people are

skating on the ponds, particularly at Wright's Pond. The ice is safe due to the very cold weather.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Orange Little League Update – Eric Jadach, President

- Mr. Jadach reported that the registration numbers are back on track prior to COVID. He proceeded to list all of the field improvements that Orange Little League paid for last year. They included LED lighting at Stankye, Brinkley and Roche fields, new field turf in the batting cages, new netting and a new drainage system at Goldberg Field, a new electrical panel at Stankye Field, the installation of Wi-Fi to allow for credit card payments at the snack stand, the institution of new apparel sales, plus numerous fundraising programs.
- Mr. Jadach reported that some of the planned improvements for this year include the installation of security cameras and a new sound system at Roche Field, an additional batting cage near Roche Field, and rebuilding OT2 and Stankye Field by reusing the clay from Brinley Field. The Commission members commended Orange Little League for these major accomplishments.

### B. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bspuda

- Mr. Bspuda advised that there is nothing to report at this time.

### C. Personnel – Jim O'Connor

- Mr. Lynch advised that the staff is preparing for a possible winter storm this weekend.

### D. Budget

- The Commission members reviewed the Budget Report and there were not questions or concerns at this time.

### E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch read the Aquatics Report in its entirety. He reported that the four swim teams – Amity, Trumbull, Christian Heritage and ARAC - are again using the pool this season. Diving lessons continue, as do swim lessons. Ski Bums has had two trips and is going well. A full day ski trip to Berkshire East Mountain is planned for 3/18 for a maximum of 45 participants.
- Mr. Lynch reported that the modified Youth Basketball League is going well with lots of positive feedback. The Fitness Room at High Plains Community Center continue to be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Chairman O'Connor is pleased as everything is moving in a better direction in spite of the pandemic. He is hopeful and optimistic that this trend will continue.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Ronai moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Kantor. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary