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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 24, 2023

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Stephen Bespuda, William Nicoletti, Deborah Davis, Dan Zapatka, Jack Pritchard, and James Ronai

Commissioners Absent: Chairman James O'Connor, Chuck Stackpole, and Dave Corris

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Bespuda called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked the members to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue at this time.

3. MINUTES – April 2023

- Mr. Lynch made one correction to the minutes.

Mr. Nicoletti made a motion to approve the revised April 26, 2023 Parks and Recreation minutes, seconded by Mr. Pritchard. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Chris Small took care of the road grinding at Turkey Hill. Mr. Lynch reported that the playground at Fred Wolfe Park looks great and there will be a grand opening sometime in June. Ms. Davis inquired about handicap parking for both the playground and the soccer parking lots and was reassured that there will be some handicap spaces made available.

(Mr. Ronai arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Orange Little League Yearly Report – Eric Jadach, President of OLL

- Mr. Jadach gave an update on a very successful year and reviewed current enrollment with the Commission members. He discussed field improvements that they covered financially, which include a camera at Goldberg, new drainage and three cameras at Roche, rebuilding the mounds on the three hardball fields, among other repairs. They are currently getting quotes to repair the scoreboard at Roche and an anonymous coach has offered to help pay for this repair. They also did a number of improvements with the batting cages and the sound system at Roche. The Commission members thanked Mr. Jadach for coming to the meeting to present the yearly update.

B. Grounds and Facilities - Mr. Bspuda

- There was nothing to report at this time.

C. Personnel

- Mr. Lynch advised that there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Budget

- Mr. Lynch reported that June 30th is the end of the fiscal budget year, and he will be making some transfers to cover deficits in certain line items. The Board of Finance approved everything that the department requested in the 2023-2024 budget and he is waiting to hear back from the Capital Committee regarding the basketball courts.

D. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch reported that they hired more counselors for Summer Day Camp to allow for more participants. Children have been taken off the waitlist and Summer Day camp is now full. Traveling Teens is filling up quickly with weeks 1,2,6, and 8 full. All spring programs have begun and are running smoothly.
- The parks crew has been busy with mowing, trimming, and cleanup with the ball fields, as well as mowing the schools and town grounds. They are also busy setting up for the Memorial Day celebrations. Mr. Lynch asked Mr. Ronai to speak about the Board of Education Olympics which he has run for the last sixteen years.
- Registration for summer swim lessons will begin on June 5th and online registration is also available. All programs are listed on the website. There will be a Stroke Clinic and Diving Clinic available this summer. Both the pool and fitness room will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. Mr. Lynch concluded by reporting that the online registration system is working well.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ronai made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Pritchard. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary