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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday November 17, 2021

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and asked the Commission members to introduce themselves. He thanked Mr. Bspuda for assisting as the Acting Chairman at the previous meeting and felt that the meeting was very informative regarding the proposed Fred Wolfe Park playground.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue at this time.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2021

- The Commission members reviewed the minutes and made two edits as necessary.

*Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the revised October 27, 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Kantor. All were in favor, with Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Ronai abstained. The motion **PASSED.***

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Lynch reported that the Department collected approximately \$6k this year in pavilion rentals and that this revolving account line item has approximately \$20k that can be used to enhance the properties. He will look into high end tennis screens as well as some new

picnic tables at High Plains Community Center for this spring. Mr. Bospuda suggested the purchase of an ice rink as well and he will discuss this with the First Selectman.

- Mr. Lynch will have the 2022 Parks and Recreation meeting schedule for distribution at the December meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds and Facilities - Steve Bospuda

- The seasonal crew will be finishing up no later than December 10th. Mr. Lynch advised that the crew will continue with leaf cleaning until the first snowfall of the season.

C. Personnel – Jim O’Connor

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

D. Budget

- There were no questions regarding the budget at this time. Mr. Ronai inquired as to the procedure to reserve the tennis courts for pickleball. Mr. Lynch advised that while the two tennis courts are open to the public there is a process in place to reserve them by daily permit. He reviewed this process for the OGAT audience.

E. Director’s Report

- Mr. Lynch advised that staffing is needed for the pool and he encouraged anyone with proper certification to contact the Parks and Recreation Department. He also noted that the gym at High Plains needs to be replaced but this will go through Capital Planning with Mr. Okenquist. Mr. Chris Small will also be putting in a request this year with Capital Planning for lawn equipment.
- Mr. Lynch discussed the upcoming programs, including the Co-Ed Adult Volleyball League and the Men’s Basketball League. There will be a modified Youth Basketball League this year and games will begin the week of December 6th. Ski Bums is full to capacity and the 9th Annual Rotary Club 5k Turkey Trot and Fun Walk will be held on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m. at High Plains Community Center.
- Mr. Lynch read the Aquatic Report in its entirety, noting that a Lifeguard Challenge class for returning staff members will be held on Saturday, December 18th. He congratulated the Amity High School girls’ swim team for their SCC win and noted that ARAC, Trumbull and Christian Heritage will begin using the pool for swim meets.

6. Chairman's Report

- Chairman O'Connor reiterated his praises and congratulations to the Amity High School girls' swim team for the win. This was their second win in over 25 years. Mr. O'Connor is proud of Little League as well as the boys and girls soccer teams.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Ronai moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bospuda. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary