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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday December 15, 2021

(Unapproved)

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Chairman James O’Connor, Vice Chairman Stephen Bospuda, Deborah Davis, Linda Kantor, and James Ronai

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Stackpole, William Nicoletti, Jack Pritchard, and Dave Corris

Staff: Dan Lynch, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman O’Connor called the meeting to order and asked the Commission members to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- Mr. Pisano, 523 Fairway Road, Orange, advised that the multipurpose field at Fred Wolfe Park will be ready for use this coming spring. He also reported that the Orange Board of Education has no immediate plans for revised parking at Mary L. Tracy School. He would like to plan over the next 2-3 years to relocate the soccer games from the school to Fred Wolfe Park.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2021

Mr. Bospuda made a motion to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Ronai. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Lynch reported that their request for equipment for the grounds crew was submitted to the Capital Planning Committee and he is optimistic that this request will be funded.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grounds and Facilities - Steve Bspuda

- The Ice Rink will be installed once the weather gets colder. A new liner is required. Mr. Bspuda inquired about signage outlining the rules for the rink. Mr. Lynch will provide the proper signage as this rink is for skating only. No hockey is allowed. Lighting on a timer will be provided for the rink as well.

B. Personnel – Jim O’Connor

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

C. Budget

- There were no questions regarding the budget at this time. Mr. Lynch submitted the proposed 2022-2023 budget and will report back at subsequent meetings regarding budget approval from the Board of Finance.

D. Director’s Report

- Mr. Lynch advised that the seasonal crew is finished and they did a great job. They will be invited back in the spring. The Town festivities included the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on the Town Green and the Tractor Parade. He thanked everyone who helped with these special events.
- Mr. Lynch reported that the modified Youth Basketball at High Plains gym is going well. Ski Bums program is full to capacity and will begin on January 14th. Mr. Lynch read the Aquatic Report in its entirety, noting that CTDPH has mandated vaccines for all instructors working with children in an unmasked capacity, such as swim instructors.
- Lastly, Mr. Lynch will have educational signage installed this spring at Wrights Pond about proper feeding of the ducks, geese, and other wildlife. This signage came on a request by two concerned residents.

E. Approval of 2022-2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

- Mr. Lynch distributed copies of the meeting dates for next year. These dates do not interfere will any holidays.

Mr. Ronai made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates, seconded by Ms. Kantor. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

6. **Chairman's Report**

- Chairman O'Connor indicated that he would like to give lacrosse teams the opportunity to use the fields at Fred Wolfe Park as well as the soccer teams. He is excited and looking forward to a good year. He wished everyone a happy, safe holiday and encouraged everyone to enjoy this time with their families.

7. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary