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## Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

*(Unapproved)*

### ATTENDANCE

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Chairman Joseph Lembo and Linda Kantor

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

**Guest:** Mr. Mike Visnic, President of the Orange Little League

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Vice Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He introduced our two new members, Deborah Davis and Jack Pritchard, and invited them to share some information about themselves. He also offered prayers for Chairman Lembo, wishing him a speedy recovery on behalf of the Commission members.

### 2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- Mr. Visnic gave an update on the Orange Little League. The organization is financially sound and participation continues to be strong. Amity softball now includes the towns of Woodbridge and Bethany. OLL is looking into providing closed Internet service at the fields to provide Game Changer as an application on phones. They are also considering credit card usage at the snack stand and live stream of games might also be considered in the future. Another improvement being considered is an additional batting cage to be located between Roche and Goldberg Fields.
- Mr. Visnic indicated that the fields are in good shape although there continues to be a drainage issue at Goldberg Field. They have put new clay here to help alleviate this problem. Mr. Ronai inquired if the application fee of \$180 to register prior to evaluations allows for maintenance of the fields. Mr. Visnic reported that the fee is \$200 after

evaluations are done and maintenance for fields is included in all of their fees. Capital improvements, however, cannot be covered with the application fees.

- Lastly, Mr. Visnic reported that the fields will be used extensively over the summer as they will host a significant number of games for baseball and softball.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 18, 2019

*Mr. Corris made a motion to approve the December eighteenth, 2019 Orange Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Bospuda seconded the motion. All were in favor with Deborah Davis, Jack Pritchard, Chuck Stackpole, and James Ronai abstaining. The motion PASSED.*

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Lynch reported that any old business would be addressed in his Director's Report.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Grounds and Facilities – Steve Bospuda

- Mr. Bospuda had nothing to report at this time.

#### C. Personnel – James O'Connor

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

#### D. Budget

- There were no questions or concerns regarding the budget at this time. Mr. Lynch pointed out that the line item for overtime for the pool is over expended by \$3,516.40. As this is a salary line item, the Finance Director was made aware of this shortage and a transfer of funds was requested and will be taken care of by the Board of Finance.
- The classrooms at High Plains Community Center and the pool locker rooms look fabulous and several members complemented on the work done.

#### E. Director's Report

- Mr. Lynch distributed an updated list of the Parks and Recreation Commission members. He also distributed copies of "What's New," which is on the website advertising of the Parks and Recreation programs. He proceeded to review the information in his Director's Report. The Ski Bums program is full but there is still space on the ski trips to Mt. Peter, Butternut and Thunder Ridge. The Adult Volleyball League and the Youth basketball League is continuing on course and going well. The next swim registration for the new swim lessons will begin on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, for Orange residents.

- There is skating at Wright's Pond and the staff continues to check the ice thickness to insure that the ice is safe for skating. Registration for April Vacation Camp begins Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and April camp runs from April 13-17<sup>th</sup>. An Aquatics Report and Programs Report were also made available to all of the Commission members.
- Ms. Davis read a letter from an Orange senior who desires to continue playing pickle ball at the High Plains gym. Ms. Davis noted that the gym floor is warped and in need of repair. She also suggested the addition of padding on the gym walls. Mr. Lynch directed Ms. Davis to Community Services to schedule the pickle ball games and welcomed them to use the gym whenever it is available. He thanked Ms. Davis and agreed that the gym is in need of repairs. He also mentioned that the tennis courts at High Plains will be repaired this spring.
- The Boys and Girls Lacrosse registration is open and early sign up will allow for registration discounts. There was a brief discussion about the future use of Fred Wolfe Park and Mr. Ronai inquired about the location of the proposed playground, noting that the Town has a developmental plan that was drawn up for this property.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Bspuda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Stackpole. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Satonick,  
Recording Secretary