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Orange Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Town Hall Meeting Room– 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday August 23,2023

Approved

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Chairman James O'Connor, William Nicoletti, Dan Zapatka, Chuck Stackpole, and Jack Pritchard

Commissioners Absent: Deborah Davis, James Ronai, and Stephen Bspuda

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 7:55 p.m. and asked the members to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

- There was no public dialogue at this time.

3. MINUTES – July 26, 2023

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Lynch will review any old business in his Director's Report.

5. NEW BUSINESS

B. Grounds and Facilities - Mr. Bspuda

- In the absence of Mr. Bspuda, Mr. Lynch reported that the grounds crew is very busy with their regular duties of mowing, trimming, and clean up at the Fairgrounds. In

addition, they are getting the school grounds ready as well as preparing for the Orange Country Fair.

C. Personnel

- Mr. Lynch advised that the summer staff will continue until the end of November and if there it is a mild winter, they might work into December.

C. Budget

- As this is the first month into the new budget, the Commission members gave a quick review of the budget report. Mr. Lynch expressed his gratitude to the Board of Finance for awarding the Parks Department everything that they requested in the 2023-2024 budget.

D. Director's Report

- All summer programs concluded on August 12th. Mr. Lynch thanked every individual camp director by name, along with all office staff, camp staff, aquatics staff, maintenance and custodial staff, and grounds crew. With everyone working together, it proved to be another successful summer. Fall program registration and swim registration begins September 5th and the new online registration system is working well.
- Mr. Lynch discussed the Men's Softball League with playoffs ending in August. Summer Day Camp and Traveling Teens ended on August 11th and he reported on the good enrollment in both programs. He noted that Ms. Middleton will be coming to the Commission meeting next month to give her report on Summer Day Camp. He will also extend the annual invite to the Orange Little League, the Orange Soccer Association, and Girls and Boys Lacrosse.
- The Fitness Room continues to open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Lynch read the Aquatic Report in its entirety, noting that new sump pumps were installed in the basement, the pool scoreboard was replaced, drains are being snaked, some showers are being repaired, and tiles are being cleaned. The pool will reopen on September 5th.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Mr. Nicoletti inquired if Fred Wolfe Park is open to the public as people were using the playground. Chairman O'Connor reported that the playground is not officially opened due to some minor supply issues. He noted that there will be a publicized grand opening and he will bring this matter up for discussion at the Fred Wolfe Park Committee meeting. There is currently a traffic study being done for this site.

- Chairman O'Connor inquired about the ice rink and Mr. Lynch indicated that it would be ordered for this year.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stackpole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Pritchard. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Satonick
Recording Secretary