

Town of Orange
Recreation committee Meeting Minutes
Orange Town Hall
July 2, 2025; 6:30pm

Attendance: Kevin Wilson, Michael Raboin, Ginny Raboin, David Gomo, Betzy Bancroft, Eric Holmgren, Shelia Stone

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Moderator Mr. Holmgren called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
 2. **Approve agenda:** Mr. Wilson requested the addition of other business. Moderator Holmgren added the addition under 8a. Ms. Raboin inquired why there was the addition to the agenda posted #8 Article for Orange town newsletter. After continued discussion, it was unclear how this was added to the agenda. Ms. Bancroft confirmed it was not on the agenda she forwarded in the minutes and to the Town Clerk for posting. With the above additions the agenda was approved unanimously.
 3. **Choose secretary:** Mr. Raboin made a motion that Ms. Raboin be secretary, seconded by Mr. Holmgren and voted unanimously.
 4. **Approve minutes:** Mr. Raboin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Bancroft seconded. By unanimous vote the motion passed.
 5. **Spaghetti dinner recap:** Ms. Raboin noted significant positive feedback, residents indicated that another day of the week may be preferred or making this a monthly event. Ms. Raboin further noted the leftover food went to the Emergency Department to enjoy. Ms. Stone noted that she too had positive feedback and shared that the Committee received an additional donation after the completion of the event. Mr. Gomo noted that Thursdays would not be a good day during racing season as many people go to the races. Mr. Raboin proposed the spaghetti dinner be a yearly event.
 6. **Recreation field proposal:** Committee members proposed scheduling a work day in mid to late September to complete work at the field, include a BBQ fundraiser and share proposed updates to the field with community members. Mr. Holmgren noted that ditching to the field to ensure proper drainage is regular maintenance.
 7. **Fundraising discussion/consideration:** Mr. Raboin recommended scheduling a yearly Pie for Breakfast and spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Ms. Raboin shared concerns about the amount of work that events entail to plan, prepare and have enough volunteers to execute events successfully. After continued discussion, the Committee members planned to do add a BBQ fundraiser to the Rec Field work day planned in September.
 8. **Article for Orange town newsletter:** The Committee discussed an addition to the newsletter. Topics included maintenance of the recreation field, scheduling a work weekend and upcoming events. Ms. Raboin will write a statement and circulate it to the Committee members for feedback before forwarding to the Town Clerk for addition in the newsletter.
- 8a. Other business:**

Mr. Wilson reported rotting wood on the Town Hall and shared he is working to complete the necessary repairs. Mr. Wilson advised he is hoping to get a work crew together to paint and prime two weekends in a row and will be looking for volunteers.

Ms. Bancroft suggested creating a checklist for events, inventory and required items for events.

Mr. Wilson noted as a reminder that funds need to be allocated to the Recreation Committee yearly by December 31, 2025.

Mr. Holmgren advised having a total for the funds, including the town approved \$5000, the fundraising completed and any donations received would be helpful to determine budgets for events and the Recreation field work. Ms. Raboin advised she would email the Town Clerk for an itemized revenue and expenditure list.

Mr. Holmgren shared the forrester will be presenting at the next Planning Commission meeting.

- 9.** Select moderator for next meeting: Mr. Raboin made a motion for Ms. Stone to be moderator, seconded by Mr. Holmgren. On a unanimous vote the motion passed.

10. Determine Agenda:

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Approve agenda
3. Choose secretary
4. Approve minutes
5. Work plan for the recreation field
 - a. Include budget in discussion
6. Fundraising Consideration
 - a. Pie for Breakfast
 - b. Field Day @ recreation field
 - c. Include budget in discussion
7. Town forest update
8. Checklist of required items for events and events list
9. Other business
10. Select moderator for next meeting September 3, 2025
11. Determine agenda
12. Adjourn

- 11.** Adjourn: Ms. Raboin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wilson. On a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.