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## **Wilton Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **November 14, 2013**

Present: Commission Chair Kevin O'Brien, Commissioners, Joe Burke, Mark Ketley, Bryan Dedrick and Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director. Also in attendance was Gino Legaz. Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

#### **Parks and Grounds**

Steve Pierce provided the Commission with a report on several topics. The Comstock Building Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on Monday November 18 for an architect to design Comstock Community Center renovations. The department had a dump truck taken off the road for safety reasons by the DPW mechanic. P&R will be going to the Board of Finance on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> to request funds from FEMA to replace the vehicle. The Comstock roof is completed and under budget. Per Board of Selectmen's request, replacement of the stadium and Lily fields will be included in the five year capital budget. The staff will begin putting up holiday ornaments in the near future.

#### **Facility Use**

The Commission received statistics from adult leagues regarding the residency status of participants. Soccer groups reported that approximately 50% of participants are Wilton residents. The WBSA will report to the Commission by the December P&R meeting. The Commission discussed non-resident participation on Wilton fields and the appropriateness of charging for play. Steve will draft a proposed regulation for adult teams regarding non-resident participation and fees.

#### **Rebound Wall**

Upon review of grounds, an area to the Northwest of the High School football field is suggested as the best location for the lacrosse rebound wall. Steve will talk the high school AD about the wall.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Programming

The Commission discussed the challenges around collecting fees during July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations and alternatives to budgeting this expense.

## P&R Budget

Commissioner Mark Ketley volunteered to review the P&R budget with Steve Pierce.

## Public Comment

Gino Legaz noted that given the suggested location of the rebound wall, noise from using the wall may be heard by neighbors. Steve will raise that issue when he speaks with P&Z.

There being no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

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