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MINUTES
Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission
June 14, 2017
Comstock Community Center
8:00 PM

Present: Chairman Pete Connolly, Commissioners Pam Brown, Bill Lalor; Parks and Recreation Director, Steve Pierce, First Selectmen representative to P&R Commission, Dave Clune, 4 members of public.

Absent: Commissioner Jennifer Kendra (excused absence)

I. Call to order: 8:00pm

II. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2017 meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Connolly.
Passed 2-0-1.

III. Track Proposal –

Agenda Amendment - Motion to move Track Proposal up on agenda to allow members of public to present earlier in meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Lalor. Passed 3-0-0.

Members of public (S. Foley, B. Hermann, A. Grano, R. Grano) presented. S. Foley discussed concerns that 1. Track currently is in a state of disrepair, has many tears, is worn down and in certain areas the surface has torn off, and 2. A simple re-surfacing of the track would not be appropriate given that the base of asphalt below the surface is older than the useful life. The presenting group's view is that asphalt has likely decayed to the point where a re-surfacing (at a cost of ~ \$80,000) would not last more than a couple of years and would not be money well spent. A. Grano expressed concerns that certain areas of the track are not safe and do not enable proper access.

S. Foley and B. Hermann requested that the Commission consider an engineering study to review the track and the asphalt sub-surface prior to considering a re-surfacing plan. They indicated that the cost of the study would cost approximately



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\$10,000 and would include boring into the asphalt layer and an engineering report on the results. They also indicated that the Wilton Running Club and the WHS Track Boosters would pay \$4,300 of the total cost and requested that Town of Wilton consider paying for the remaining portion.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve moving forward with the Wilton Running Club and WHS Track Boosters paying \$4,300 of the cost and the Board of Selectman considering payment of the remaining \$5,700 for the boring and engineering report on the WHS Track out of the Parks and Recreation operating budget. Seconded by Commissioner Connolly. Passed 2-0-1.

IV. Staff/Sub-Committee Reports

- Parks & Grounds Report – did not get as many summer intern candidates as usual, but were able to fill all positions.
- Recreation Report – starting programs, camp applications picking up, Merwin Meadows passes sold out for nonresidents. Sold 300 passes to residents (versus issuing 900 passes last year when passes were free).
- Field Usage and Field Location Sub Committees Report – noted that the Sub Committees have completed their work and results will be presented at June 19th Board of Selectman meeting.
- Tennis Court Resurfacing Project – RFPs will be going out next week,
- Community Garden program/policies – noted that there are 4 new gardeners in the program and 2 new gardens have been added.

V. Correspondence – none

VI. New Business

- Ambler Farm Parking Issues – reviewed the possibility of creating additional parking spots parallel to Hurlbutt Street immediately after



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turning into Ambler Lot. Another potential spot would be at end of lot and to the right of existing parking lot alongside Rolling Hills CC fence. S. Pierce to review possibilities and report back to group.

- Tennis Boosters Gift - Boosters have offered a gift to the Town of a storage bin to be placed next to Route 7 tennis courts. Motion to accept gift for BOS consideration made by Commissioner Connolly, Seconded by Commissioner Lalor. Passed 3-0-0
- Baseball Scoreboard Gift - WHS Baseball Boosters offered a gift to the Town of the scoreboard at the varsity field. Motion to accept gift was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 3-0-0.

VII. Old Business

- Field Usage Report - no update.
- Parks & Grounds Grid - no update.
- Rental fees (Comstock) - reviewing cost of Comstock rental fees for non-Wilton residents and Not-For-Profits. S. Pierce to review fees that other towns charge and report back.
- Parks and Recreation Manual - manual was sent to all Commissioners. Will review and approve at July meeting.
- Trash/recycling - no update.
- Update on Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Committee - no update.
- Update on 2017 Concert/Movie Nights. Planning 4 concerts - no update.
- Wilton Sports Council update - goal is to have advertising banners at WHS football field by September.

VIII. Public Comment - none

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chairman Connolly. Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm

