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Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission
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Comstock Community Center
7:30 PM

MINUTES

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Present: Chairman Pete Connolly, Commissioners Jennifer Kendra, Macken, Parks and Recreation Director, Steve Pierce, BOS representative Dave Clune.

Absent: Commissioners Brown and Lalor

- I. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 7:34pm
- II. Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2017 and September 12, 2017 meetings
 - Motion to approve minutes from July 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Kendra motioned, Chairman Connolly seconded; Approved 2-0-1
 - September 12 minutes to be approved with quorum at November meeting
- III. SIMM Committee Update – Dr. John Priest
 - SIMM (Schencks Island Merwin Meadows) Committee rep was not able to attend tonight's meeting.
 - Preparing RFP to send to Town Council and others for feedback and approval
- IV. Staff Reports
 - Parks & Grounds Report
 - Leaf vacuum needed replacement – taken care of out of operating budget (lasted 19 years). Replacement cost approximately \$9,000.00
 - Recreation Report
 - Fall sports in motion. Basketball sign-ups are launching now. New program – fencing for ages 3rd grade through middle school. Candlewood fencing. Coach used to coach at Sacred Heart.
 - Training on new software product, prepping reporting capabilities



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- Can take credit cards online
- YMCA looking for temp space for programs due to renovation
- Basketball courts at Comstock being used heavily
- Tennis Court Resurfacing Project
 - Poured the center slab, running cabling. North and south slabs to be poured this week. Courts on schedule to finish this fall as long as weather holds. Please with process to date

V. Correspondence

- None

VI. New Business

- Track proposal – update
 - Geo-tech studies were done by the town. Engineering study was also done. Private group is having designs prepared for presentation to P&R and town. To be privately funded. Twelve-year life on the product so consideration being given to replacement costs and maintenance.
- Update on “Carry in, Carry out” pilot program
 - WSA contracted for their own garbage and recycling for their Columbus Day weekend soccer tournament. Event was successful.
 - Issue with people dumping trash in port-o-potties. Will add new signage to address and ask the community to please support efforts to do this properly.
 - Overall, sites are much cleaner
- Ambler Farm fields usage and parking issue
 - Parking issues have improved due to WSA reworking schedules.
- Pickle ball update – list of “To Do’s”
 1. Checked on usage: Basketball courts behind Comstock are in full use after school hours and on non-school days
 2. Consulted with WHS AD and coaches: WHS AD and Coaches responded that they do not support adding pickle ball courts to the route 7 courts as it will cause confusion given placement of pickle ball lines near back line of tennis courts and impede play of high school teams, especially since the student-athletes officiate their own matches. The courts are also used for FCIAC and CIAC tournaments which they feel will add confusion to these matches.



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3. Other sites: Potential other site for pickle ball on upper lot at Middlebrook, however, site cannot be used during school hours.
 4. Next steps – Commissioner Connolly and Steve Pierce to update First Selectman and determine next steps.

VII. Old Business

- Parks & Grounds Grid (remove from list)
 - “See Click Fix” – town implementing new app to address concerns. Pothole in road, tree down, etc. take GPS enabled picture to mark location.
- Trash/recycling – update on pending state proposal
 - P&R commission to familiarize ourselves with the new proposal to share info and links to the public
- Parks and Recreation Manual – review and approval
 - Steve editing with feedback
 - November meeting will be approved and sent through to town
- Update on Schenck’s Island Merwin Meadows Committee – none
- Wilton Athletic and Recreation Foundation update
 - 14 sponsors - sold out all spots
 - Banners at printer now and installed for homecoming

VIII. Public Comment

- None

IX. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

- Motion to adjourn Commissioner Kendra, seconded by Commissioner Macken; Passed 3-0-0

