

MINUTES
Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission
April 14, 2021 / 7:30 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

- a) Commissioners: Bilella, Ring, Macken, Kendra
- b) Director of P&R: Pierce
- c) Ex Officio: None
- d) Public: None

Absent:

- a) Commissioners: Guglielmo

- I. Call to Order: Bilella called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2021 – Motion made by Ring to approve, seconded by Kendra. **Approved 4-0-0** (Guglielmo absent from meeting.)
- III. Correspondence – discussion and/or action
 - None
- IV. COVID-19 Updates – discussion and/or action
 - Pierce advised that Comstock Community Center is now open for reservations for meeting space by the public; first reservation was for last night. COVID protocols in place. Basketball courts and fields are all being utilized and proper COVID protocols are being adhered to by those using the facilities. Latest OEC information being reviewed by P&R to ensure compliance for the upcoming P&R camps.
- V. Wilton Track – discussion and/or action
 - Track Replacement Efforts Update – Pierce provided that the project is moving along as planned. Black top has been removed and now grading the subsurface is in progress. Paving planned for next week. Additionally, the Town will now repave the path from Cider Mill to the stadium and conduit lines will be added for lighting of the pathway. It is estimated that from June 21-July 16 the final stage of the project will take place and monitors provided by the Town will be onsite to ensure no one enters the track & field area during this period. Project completion target is July 16, pending no weather delays.
- V. Middlebrook Tennis Courts Update - discussion and/or action
 - Pierce shared that the cost of materials and logistics are up significantly. \$350K is being budgeted for and will be a part of the annual Town vote in May. If approved, timing for this project is Summer 2021.
- VI. Indoor Field House Project Concept Exploration Update – discussion and/or action
 - Pierce updated the Commission that in the next week, the Town will be sending out a request to multiple third-party vendors for a proposal on a feasibility and cost study. Pierce is targeting May for next step of awarding study and obtaining results.

VII. Park Benches/Potential Offering Update – discussion and/or action

- Guglielmo who is leading this effort was absent, therefore, no update this month. Pierce did share with the Commission that a bench was recently donated and installed near the Varsity Softball Field in memory of George DiRocco. A second donated bench is slated to be installed in the near term at Lily Field in memory of WHS' former Plant Manager, Cesar Jimenez.

IX. Staff Reports – discussion and/or action

- Parks & Grounds Report – Pierce stated that fields were fertilized and are now lush and green. Mowing continues. Ambler fields are being repaired due to a car driven across the fields causing damage. First seasonal personnel hired. Youth sports are in full swing, and field maintenance remains a key focus.
- Recreation Report – Pierce advised that marketing being done to drive awareness and registration for P&R events, camps and activities. On May 8, 2021 a free ECG testing clinic held by Heartbeat Foundation in coordination with P&R will take place at Comstock. The Town is looking to put in cameras at Merwin Meadows. Eight benches at Merwin Meadows will be re-secured in a more permanent manner, as the public are moving them from their designated locations to down by the water. Colored wrist bands will be used this year as season passes – more effective, efficient and financially prudent. The Town's Memorial Day Parade and 4th of July events have been cancelled. Other events at Merwin Meadows are still being explored and will be reviewed.

X. Member Comment – None

XI. Public Comment – None

XII. Adjourn – Bilella moved to adjourn the meeting; Ring seconded. **Approved 4-0-0** (Guglielmo absent from the meeting.) Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.