

MINUTES  
Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission  
September 11, 2019  
Comstock Community Center

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Bilella, Macken, Guglielmo (via telephone)  
Director of Parks and Recreation: Pierce  
Ex-officio, First Selectman Representative: Clune  
Public: Jason Partenza

Absent:

Commissioners: Kendra

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Chairwoman Bilella

II. Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2019 will be done at October 10, 2019 meeting when a quorum of those at the July meeting are in attendance (Guglielmo was absent from the July meeting).

II. Correspondence – discussion and/or action

- Pierce will review the idea of an ‘Adult Recess’ program (i.e., kickball, flag football, etc. for adult age residents), which stemmed from an article provided to Chairwoman Bilella from resident, Bruce Likely.

IV. WBSA Storage Shed Donation Proposal Update – discussion and/or action

- No update and Guglielmo will reach out to his contact, Ralph Strazza, and ask if this is still an open topic the WBSA wants to address with the Commission or if it should be closed.

V. Wilton Track – discussion and/or action

- Track Replacement discussion took place the end of August with Pierce, Macken and Chris McDougal (WHS AD). Pierce shared prior quote from engineering firm, Stantec. Pierce advised an RFQ & RFP will go out publicly (at the same time) and a review of surfaces will begin. Pierce plans to make recommendation to the Commission in November. Goal is to have the budget for replacement in for the Town’s May meeting and vote.

VI. POCD – discussion and/or action

- Macken updated the Commission that he spoke with P&Z, and the document is expected to be in final form for the September 23, 2019 P&Z meeting. P&Z advised Macken that there were no major changes to the Parks and Recreation aspects.

VII. Field Scheduling & Usage Tracking/Monitoring – discussion and/or action

- Fall Season Sports Meeting took place on August 29, 2019 with representatives from Youth Soccer, Youth LAX, and Youth Football (Youth Field Hockey was absent). Pierce ran the meeting; Chris McDougal (WHS AD) and Bilella attended. Meeting had positive outcome with open communication between all Youth organizations in attendance, allowing for transparency and action on open field opportunities.

VIII. Afterschool Care Update – discussion and/or action

- Pierce reported that 42 kids are registered and participating for multiple days per week and 17 are signed up for ‘drop in passes’. Response and feedback have been very positive, and the Parks and Recreation staff continue to identify new activities and specials for the kids.

IX. Staff Reports – discussion and/or action

- Parks & Grounds Report - Pierce advised that he has spoken with Town’s legal counsel and asked the Commission to give some consideration to only allowing Merwin Meadows season pass holders to have entry to the park on July 4<sup>th</sup> (no day passes will be allowed on this one day and this exclusion would be clearly noted on the daily passes). Pierce asked for this to be discussed further at the October meeting. Pierce plans to add to the Parks and Recreation manual that parents must pick up their children inside Comstock (for all programs/activities) unless the children are high school students.
- Recreation Report – Brian Lily’s tenure is ending on September 13, 2019, and Pierce thanked him for all his efforts and time. The 2016 Torro 580D mower is going to be serviced (diagnostics run) and assessed by Torro due to a recent malfunction when turning the equipment. The latest Torro mower that was ordered (but not delivered or paid for yet) has been put on hold with Torro by Pierce until the 2016 mower is fully assessed and issue defined. Boys Scouts recent project, Gaga pit, was installed at Comstock over Labor Day weekend and is a big hit with all the kids. It is the most used piece of playground equipment. A second pit is to be installed at either Cider Mill North playground or at Merwin Meadows.

X. On-going Business – discussion and/or action

- Schenck’s Island Merwin Meadows Committee – Pierce advised that Mike Conklin, Lynne Vanderslice and Pierce recently met and made recommendations that were provided to the SIM Committee.
- Wilton Athletic and Recreation Foundation update – Clune reported that some new sponsors were added and some terminated; overall, WARF has gained 3 new sponsors.

XI. Member Comment - None

XII. Public Comment - None

XIII. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm – **Approved 3-0-0** (Kendra absent)