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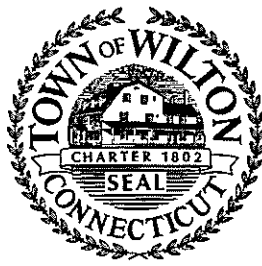
Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission

July 12, 2017

Comstock Community Center 7:30 PM

Present: Chairman, Peter Connolly; Commissioners, Pam Brown and Jennifer Kendra; BOS Representative, Dave Clune; Parks and Recreation Director, Steve Pierce.

- I. Call to order: 7:32pm
- II. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2017 meeting; Commissioner Kendra motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Passed 3-0-0.
- III. Pickleball presentation – Kim Becker
 - Ms. Becker introduced the Commission to pickleball with request for existing town court spaces (tennis, basketball, gym surfaces) be modified to accommodate for pickleball play. Request includes ask to town to cover the costs of the modifications, necessary equipment and amenities. A review of existing spaces pros and cons were presented for consideration.
- IV. Staff/Sub-Committee Reports
 - Parks & Grounds Report:
 - Portable lighting request for fall sports has been resubmitted for approval by P&Z.
 - 4th of July Fireworks: First time Wilton had DJ versus bands. Some attendees liked DJ and others preferred bands as in the past. Some attendees liked music during fireworks; some attendees did not. For next year, P&R will have a vote about whether or not to play music during fireworks by those who purchase a pass. One vote per pass.
 - Anticipating covering costs but waiting for official tally to be completed.
 - WLA donating two lacrosse rebound walls, one near stadium, one near Lilly turf. Turnkey donation with WLA covering all costs. P&R Commission to assist process. Chairman Connolly motioned to



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approve and move forward to BOS. Seconded by Commissioner Brown; Passed 3-0-0

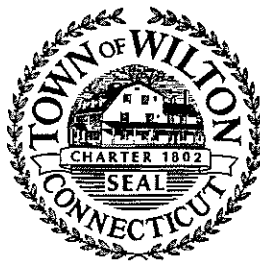
- Merwin passes are being sold.
 - Numbers are low.
 - Facility looks great.
- Seasonal workers in place
- Sites are ready for summer concert series, handicapped accessible port-o-lets are in place
- 70 vendors signed up for sidewalk sale weekend
- Recreation Report
 - Camps all up and running
- Field Usage and Field Location Sub Committees Report
 - Chairman Connolly and Director Pierce attended June 19th BOS meeting to present P&R recommendation
 - Next step, present location options to Wetlands to gain guidance.
- Tennis Court Resurfacing Project; projected to start in August
- Community Garden program/policies
 - One open garden

V. Correspondence

- 5-6 emails were received by the Chairman in support of pickleball courts being added to tennis courts

VI. New Business

- Track proposal – update
 - Commissioner Connolly, First Selectman Vanderslice and Director Pierce met with Track Association about renovation of track surface to test the base to make sure it's in good shape before resurfacing is done.
- Vote to move September meeting to September 1th or September 14th:
 - Chairman Connolly made motion to move to September 12th, seconded by Commissioner Kendra; Passed 3-0-0
- Ambler Farm fields usage and parking issues
 - Feedback from Ambler was positive with staggering of games. Feedback still to be received from Wilton Soccer Association. Director Pierce met with DPW to look at how to expand parking access. Options being considered to



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adjust fields closer to the road and cost implications. DPW will mock up some recommendations to adjust the space to accommodate more parking

- Tennis Boosters Gift – accepted
- Baseball Scoreboard Gift – was not presented, pending P&Z/Building approval

VII. Old Business

- Parks & Grounds Grid – no changes
- Rental fees (Comstock) – no update
- Trash/recycling
 - State is anticipated to mandate recycling bins next to every trash bin, with cleanliness regulations that will be costly in staff time and budget.
 - Will need to educate and prepare community. P&R will issue press release and post on all websites, signs at the fields and cascaded to BOE, all sports and organizations who use the facilities.
 - P&R Commission is recommending a pilot program of carry in-carry out trash and recycling at all fields, exclusive of those with concessions for consideration by BOS if needed. Seconded by Commissioner Brown, passed 3-0-0.
- Parks and Recreation Manual:
 - Review before next meeting
- Update on Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Committee:
 - New commissioner will be assigned to committee
- Update on 2017 Concerts
 - 4 concerts for the season, no movies
- Wilton Sports Council update – no update

VIII. Public Comment – no comment

IX. Adjourn: 9:25. Motion to approve adjournment by Commissioner Kendra. Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Approved 3-0-0

