

MINUTES
Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission
February 11, 2020
Comstock Community Center

Attendance:

- a. Commissioners: Bilella, Macken, Guglielmo, Kendra, Ring
- b. Director of Parks and Recreation: Pierce
- c. Ex Officio: None
- d. Public: JR Sherman

I. Bilella called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2019 – Motion made by Macken; vote taken. **Approved 4-0-1** (Guglielmo abstained).

III. Correspondence – discussion and/or action

- Macken received and email advising of paved path being worn. Reviewed by P&R.

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

- Wilton Athletic and Recreation Foundation (WARF) Update from JR Sherman (Guest): WARF was established in 2017 to assist with repair, maintenance and replacement of Wilton's turf facilities through centralized ads at the turf fields. 2018 was considered the pilot year - first year of WARF. WARF currently has approximately \$53K in account, with \$15K in accounts receivables. WARF also looking at other funding options, along with corporate ads. Scope of WARF currently does not include track repairs/replacement nor grass fields repairs/maintenance. WARF reached out to corporations in town to raise funds and options are scalable. Information provided and discussion had around play clocks for lacrosse. May be considered for future use at CT high school levels, but currently not a CIAC requirement. JR Sherman also advised that one of the storage containers at the stadium (largest container) should be reviewed and addressed, as it is in poor condition. Steve to advise the school, as it is not Park's & Rec's container. WARF is looking to host a DIII Men's LAX event in March at the stadium (Union vs Vassar) with free admission to residents.
- Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Committee Update – Pierce reported that SIMM Committee plan finalized and approved by BOS. Pierce identified improvements that are in the plan, repairs to Merwin Meadows restrooms, structures, including refurbishment of playground. Parks & Rec will likely be actively involved in its long-term maintenance.

IV. Wilton Track – discussion and/or action:

- Track Replacement Efforts Update - Pierce reported that the contract is in progress with the awarded contractor, Stantec. Design is next step. Site meetings being scheduled over the next week. On target to receive solid estimate of costs in the coming weeks. Once design phase is complete, recommendation will be made by the town for annual Town budget vote in May. Pierce will continue to keep Back the Track updated.
- Commissioner Macken left meeting at 8:30 pm.

V. Afterschool Care Update – discussion and/or action.

- Pierce updated Commission that the daycare is extremely successful and that there are approximately 50 children enrolled and 12 staff. Discussions around programming.

VI. P&R Budget Update– discussion and/or action.

- Pierce updated Commission on status of budget and BOS budget meeting that took place tonight and attended by Pierce and Bilella. Parks & Rec's budget presented to BOS is less than a 1% increase from current year (approx. \$10K). Discussion of certain budget items, including Pierce being asked to explore lightning detection system costs by BOS. Pierce will update our Commission on this topic at our next regular meeting.

VIII. Staff Reports – discussion and/or action

- Parks & Grounds Report - Pierce reported windscreens may be put up shortly due to mild weather forecasted.
- Recreation Report – Brochure for spring/summer/fall programs is finalized and now online. Pierce reported on upcoming events, including Chili Run, cardboard box boat races, and movie nights.

IX. Member Comment – None.

X. Public Comment – None.

XI. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm. Vote taken and **Approved 4-0-0** (Macken absent).