

MINUTES
Wilton Parks & Recreation Commission
June 8, 2022 / 7:30 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

- A) Commissioners: Bilella, Ring, Macken
- B) Director of P&R: Pierce
- C) Ex Officio: None
- D) Public: None

Absent:

- A) Commissioners: Kendra, Guglielmo

- I. Call to Order – Bilella called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2022 - Ring made a motion to approve, Macken seconded.
Approved 3-0-0 (Kendra and Guglielmo absent).
- III. Correspondence – discussion and/or action
 - Pierce stated none this month.
- IV. Lightening Detection System Update – discussion and/or action
 - Pierce shared that the system's email and text notification function will be released for public sign-up this week. The field alarms are being sorted out with the vendor to meet Town requirements. Pierce to get a timeframe commitment for completion from the vendor.
- V. Memorial Day Weekend – discussion and/or action
 - Merwin Meadows was open to the public all weekend (no passes required). Hot dogs and water were handed out by the P&R team after the parade (free of charge) at Merwin Meadows. Pierce advised that this year's attendance was lighter than in the past.
- VI. Summer Events – discussion and/or action
 - The Town's annual 4th of July event with fireworks will be held this year, including a road race in the morning. There will be two 'movies in park' this summer held at Merwin Meadows. P&R will also sponsor four free concerts – two at Merwin Meadows and two at Schenck's Island. Stars Above Circus (Hideaway Circus) will return to Wilton at the end of July for three nights.
- VII. Staff Reports – discussion and/or action
Pierce reported:
 - Parks & Grounds Report:
 - There is a supply chain issue with 'Diamond Dry' which is used by P&R to absorb water and condition the clay on the Town's softball and baseball fields. P&R has inventory of the product but is also exploring an alternative as a back-up.
 - Mowing a priority.
 - Seasonal Help – one hired and three are in the hiring process.
 - Spring sports are almost completed.

- Recreation Report:
 - Registration for camp and summer programs are strong.
 - The women's restroom at Merwin Meadows is currently being renovated.
 - BOS approved P&R's request for funding (ARPA and Infrastructure Funds) of Phase 1 of Improving Drainage and Irrigation project at Middlebrook complex (made up of five fields) totalling \$705K. They also approved some funding (not the full \$250K, but approx. \$150K) for Phase 1 of Upgrades to Merwin Meadows Complex – 5-12 year old playground equipment.

VIII. Member Comment – None.

IX. Public Comment – None.

X. Adjourn – Bilella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, Macken seconded.
Approved 3-0-0.