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Lynne, Steve

Thanks for the commitment to the daily updates. We appreciate them. This is not a question for public comment, rather an ask for support and guidance.

Am wondering if you can help the Wilton based non profit youth sports orgs (such as Wilton Soccer that I lead as a volunteer) by recommending and convening some sort of working group among all the like non profit Wilton orgs, to consider how we return to the fields in the fall (thinking optimistically) or whenever first possible, with Town support.

All of the orgs are going to be dealing with the exact same challenges and the only way to be a part of a controlled return is to actually be a part of the conversation leading up to that, and the effort needed to craft that controlled return.

A set of common guidelines will be needed and to effectively meet those, we will have to start planning now, months in advance.

Not only do we need to offer programs out to community, and register kids into them at a price per player we need to determine, we need to coordinate logistics, order supplies, staff these programs and then prepare those staff to meet any guidelines. Our budgets may be drastically different than normal based on all this, so we need to try our best to get ahead. We would usually be deep into and have good sense of shape of our fall program by now. As stands, we are entirely in wait and see mode, which is uncomfortable. We want to plan for possibilities, even while we acknowledge the worst case scenario (another lost season).

If we can assemble a small working group (emphasis on small, like 3-5 to work on behalf of all) focused on helping the Wilton based non profit youth sports to safely and in lockstep with Town guidelines re start youth sports ... and communicate clearly in coordination whenever the time is right and with the proper guidelines known/agreed and upheld, we will all be better for it.

Thanks for reading and considering!
Jason