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Present: Commissioners Mark Ketley, Joe Burke and Bryan Dedrick
Also present was Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Meehan and Gino Legaz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

Minutes from May meeting were not approved as there were not the requisite number of commissioners present at the May meeting in attendance to vote on the minutes.

Ambler Farm Parking

Kevin Meehan spoke on behalf of Ambler Farm raising the issue of inadvertent traffic through the farm portion of the property by those attempting to locate and park at the adjacent soccer field. Mr. Meehan and the Commission discussed possible ways to stem the flow of traffic through the farm area. Options for consideration included improved signage at both the entrance to the farm and the soccer fields as well as possibly renaming the soccer field so that the GPS address would not direct people to the farm. Because Ambler Farm is located in a residential area the commission agreed to determine which kind of signs would be allowed on that property.

Residency Rules for use of Athletic Fields

The commission discussed circumstances where teams, organizations and/or individuals using Wilton fields may not be town residents. The facts regarding non-resident usage are different by sport and town facility. The Commission discussed the desire to strike a balance between being reasonable with people from neighboring towns while being mindful of any cost issues that could impact Wilton. The commission recognized the non-resident usage issue as being one where the percentage of out of town participants makes a difference in the appropriateness of gaining access to Wilton property e.g. 10% of a sport team from out of town may be acceptable whereas 90% from out of town may not be acceptable. Steve Pierce will be contacting Wilton sports organizations that use the town's facilities to learn each organization's policy on non-resident participation.

Raffle for Turf

An organization raising funds to turf Middlebrook football field requested approval to hold a raffle during the July 4th celebration held on town property. Commissioner Dedrick made a motion to approve the request to allow the raffle. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0

Dog Show on Allens Meadow

A Wilton resident requested the usage of Allens Meadow to hold a dog show on Oct 3-5. The commission discussed the request noting the extensive usage of Allens at that time of year. Commissioner Ketley made a motion to deny the request to hold a dog show on Allens Meadow. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion to deny the request passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Dedrick

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Commissioner

