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Present: Commission Chair Kevin O'Brien, Commissioners, Anne Richards, Joe Burke, Bryan Dedrick and Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director. Also in attendance was Gino Legaz. Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Minutes

Minutes could not be voted on because there was not the minimum number of commissioners present at July meeting that were also present at the previous meetings.

July 4th Report

Steve Pierce provided the commission with a thorough report on July 4th activities. Generally, the events went well, were very well attended and there were no injuries reported. Steve reflected that there was a significant volume of people walking into the fireworks display thereby avoiding making any payments for the event. The commission discussed ways to control parking and increase revenue at the event next year.

Ambler Parking

Steve Pierce reported that he followed up on the issue of traffic flow at Ambler Farm raised at the last P&R Commission meeting. Steve is working with Planning and Zoning to determine the appropriate signage allowable at Ambler Farm that will better direct visitors to their intended destination, either to the soccer fields or the farm.

Facility Use

Steve Pierce sent a questionnaire to sports organizations in Wilton that use town facilities and fields. The questions were designed to provide the commission with a better understanding of the number of teams, players, non-resident participants and organizational policies. Steve received responses from three of the sports organizations and will resend the request for information to the other groups. The commission will evaluate the responses at the September P&R meeting.

Merwin Meadows

Steve Pierce reported that he was made aware of a few complaints made by Wilton residents that Merwin Meadows, on occasion, was being used by an overwhelming number of non-residents. Connecticut state law prohibits the restriction of non-residents in parks.

Toddler Program

Steve Pierce reported that selectman Brennan agreed to form a committee to review plans to run a state licensed toddler program at Comstock.

Summer Camp

Steve Pierce reported that summer camp was running smoothly and the children were enjoying the program but that attendance was down 15%-20% from the average year.

Guard Rails

Steve Pierce reported that the first phase of replacing guard rails had begun near Middlebrook School.

There being no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn at 9:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Dedrick

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Commissioner

