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## **Wilton Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **June 11, 2014**

Present: Commissioners, Mark Ketley, Kevin O'Brien, Anne Richards, Joe Burke, Bryan Dedrick and Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director. Also in attendance were Ken Bernhard, Wilton town attorney, and Gino Legaz. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

#### **Private Lessons on Town Fields**

Attorney Bernhard spoke on the topic of Private Lessons taking place on town facilities and provided the Commission with the Westport Park and Recreation Department's policy on field usage. Mr. Bernhard stated that he had reviewed several town policies and considered Westport's to be the best model including a sensible approach to the use of town facilities. Commissioner Dedrick made a motion to establish the following policy regarding private instruction on town facilities: "Individual private instruction is permitted ONLY if the student is a Wilton resident. Town Athletic facilities permits will not be issued for private instruction. Private instruction may not interfere with any reserved field activity and should not interfere with general public use of any facility. Private instructors are expected to observe all field closing notices and other field use policies." Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

#### **Minutes**

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve the May minutes. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion. Commissioners Ketley and Burke abstained. The motion passed 3-0-2.

## Parks and Grounds Update

Steve Pierce provided the Commission with a report on several topics

- Day visitors to Merwin Meadows will be issued colored wristbands so that paid visitors to the park can be readily identified
- A local group is raising money to update the playground equipment at Merwin
- P&R staff has worked on a plan to accommodate programming during the reconstruction of Comstock
- Comstock construction is expected to occur in two phases of twelve months
- Steve is meeting with the fire marshal to get necessary approvals for July 4<sup>th</sup> activities
- Damaged lights at Lilly have been replaced

## Public Comment

Gino Legaz commented that he agreed with policy enacted regarding private instruction but believed it could have been established months ago.

The Parks and Recreation meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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