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Wilton Parks and Recreation Commission

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Present: Commissioners, Kevin O'Brien, Anne Richards, Bryan Dedrick and Steve Pierce, Parks and Recreation Director. Also in attendance was Gino Legaz. The meeting was called to order at 7:49 pm.

Minutes

Commissioner Richards made a motion to approve the April minutes. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Parks and Grounds Update

Steve Pierce provided the Commission with a report on several topics

- The Comstock bonding issue passed, P&R will begin work with the architect
- P&R will work on a phased implementation plan so that it can operate in Comstock during renovation
- The stadium and concession stand need to be monitored by P&R staff when groups use the facility
- Ground crew is out working the playing fields and 2 people have been hired for the summer season
- Memorial Day preparations are underway, flowers are arriving on May 19
- Plans are being readied for July 4 celebration
- Summer camp plans are on track
- Request for new lawn mower has been approved

Private Lessons on Town Fields

The Commission discussed the topic of private lessons being given on town fields and facilities. While the commission is concerned about any private, commercial use of town facilities, policing and enforcing any remedies are challenging and potentially beyond the scope of the commission. Occurrences of this nature appear to be limited and there have been no recent reports of Wilton residents not being able to use town fields or facilities because of private lessons. Steve reported that town attorneys advised that it was not in the town's best interest for P&R to establish rules limiting access to facilities. The Commission agreed to continue discussing this subject when all commissioners are present and able to participate.

Van Trips

Commissioner Richards made the suggestion that P&R plan van trips to a specific destination, e.g. Broadway play or flower show, rather than traveling to a town or city. Steve Pierce said P&R was flexible to go anywhere people want to go, provided there are an adequate number of participants. Steve welcomed suggestions for van trip destinations.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Parks and Recreation meeting adjourned at 9:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Dedrick

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Commissioner

