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Present: Chairman Sarah Gioffre, Commissioners Mark Ketley, Joe Burke, Parks and Recreation director Steve Pierce, First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, and Selectman David Clune, first selectman's representative to P&R Commission. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

Minutes

The Minutes from the May meeting were approved with minor changes. The vote was 3-0

Parks and Grounds Report

The new PA system for the Fujitani Field has been installed and is operational.

The proposed lacrosse rebound wall was discussed. The Wilton Lacrosse Association will present a formal proposal of their plan at the July Parks and Rec meeting.

The high school turf project is scheduled to start in mid July. It will be completed in or around August 15th.

The Parks crew has been helping the schools get ready for their field days.

Outdoor fitness equipment repair is being reviewed by Town Hall.

Steve presented Chris Burney's comments on RFP for Merwin Meadows re-design. Sarah Gioffre and Commissioners will review.

Recreation Report

The first weekend rollout of Merwin passes went smoothly. Approximately 80 Wilton families have picked up Merwin passes. There have been 19 of 50 season passes sold to non-residents.

There was discussion regarding the number of individual non-resident passes to be sold. Commissioner Ketley made a motion that the number of non-resident individual passes sold be capped at 50 to be consistent with the policy regarding the cap on non-resident family passes. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Burke. The motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

P&R continues to look at new software packages. A decision by August is anticipated.

The July 4th fireworks display is forthcoming. Steve is working on the necessary approvals.

There will be a full summer slate at Merwin Meadows with 2 movies and 2 bands that will encompass 4 weekends in late July and early August. Details will be announced shortly.

Correspondence

There was a letter received from Diane Kuzco, 52 Erdmann Lane inquiring about following issues:

When will Wilton High School and Middlebrook tennis courts be resurfaced? Resurfacing of courts is scheduled in budget for 2020. Sarah Gioffre asked Steve Pierce to get current hard cost estimate on resurfacing courts for possible consideration in budget review process in September.

Is replacement of bleachers a Parks and Recreation or athletic organization expense? Steve Pierce explained that bleachers at fields have typically been purchased by booster organizations and Parks and Recreation maintains/repairs bleachers. Steve Pierce will do a survey of all field bleachers so that future bleacher replacement can be planned.



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Can the fence behind Middlebrook School between building and tennis courts which is in disrepair be fixed? Steve Pierce is getting cost estimate for replacement and will make repair as soon as possible.

Will there be rules in place for turf usage (e.g., no food, no animals)? Turf sub committee plans to review/establish rules. Committee will contact Diane Kuczo for input. Steve Pierce also suggested meeting with youth athletic groups and Wilton High School athletic staff to review rules in July/August.

New Business

Steve Pierce presented a proposed text amendment to Section 29-9.E. of Planning and Zoning outdoor lighting regulations for discussion. The amendment would allow for the application for temporary and portable lighting for outdoor recreational and performance event uses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ketley to send the proposed text amendment to the Board of Selectmen and then to Planning and Zoning Commission for review. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burke. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke to appoint Steve Pierce as the agent of the Parks and Recreation Commission who will submit the proposed text amendment to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ketley. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

Steve will update the Parks and Grounds grid for review at the July meeting.

Update on formation of sub committees on field location and field usage coming in July.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ketley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Parks and Recreation meeting adjourned at 9:06

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Burke
Commissioner

