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Present: Chairman Mark Ketley, Commissioners Kevin O'Brien, Joe Burke and Parks and Recreation director Steve Pierce. Also in attendance was Gino Legaz. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

Minutes

Approval of the January, March and May minutes was tabled.

Parks and Grounds Report

The list of projects for the spring and summer will be prioritized and tracked in a spreadsheet with dates for estimated completion for each task.

The department is currently doing research on various Trax machines.

Steve reported that the memorial service for John Guerra was held on May 20th and was well attended by both town employees and the public.

Recreation Report

Registration for summer camps is picking up.

The cashless payment system for Merwin Meadows was rolled out successfully last weekend and will be used for the remainder of the summer.

Comstock Update

The Comstock project remains on schedule and under budget.

In an effort to reduce noise in the Senior Café, the department is working on a way to hang the basketball hoops in the gym from the ceiling rather than have them mounted on the wall.

Audit

There was a town wide audit by Blum, Shapiro. Each department in town will be given their respective audit details. Steve has yet to receive details for Parks and Rec but expects to have them shortly.

Field Usage

In a sponsored program by the Wilton Lacrosse Association, it was determined that WLA did not follow procedure for the collection of fees. In some cases the fees were paid directly to an outside vendor rather than to WLA itself. Given this, the commissioners discussed whether or not Parks and Rec should treat this group as an outside vendor and charge for the use of field during their upcoming camp.

There was considerable discussion among the commissioners and Steve resulting in several ideas on how to address the issue and multiple motions. The following motions took place:

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion that Wilton Lacrosse should pay 50% of the cost of the fields. It was seconded by Commissioner Burke. It was voted on and defeated 2-1 with O'Brien voting in favor and Burke and Ketley opposed.

Commissioner Burke made a motion that Wilton Lacrosse should not pay for the cost of the fields. It was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. It was voted on and defeated 2-1 with Burke voting in favor and O'Brien and Ketley opposed.

Chairman Ketley made a motion that Wilton Lacrosse should pay 100% of the cost of the fields. It was seconded by Commissioner Burke. It was voted on and defeated 2-1 with Ketley voting in favor and Burke and O'Brien opposed.



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Chairman Ketley made a motion that Wilton Lacrosse should pay 75% of the cost of the fields. It was seconded by Commissioner Burke. It was voted on and defeated 2-1 with Ketley voting in favor and Burke and O'Brien opposed.

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion a second time that Wilton Lacrosse should pay 50% of the cost of the fields. It was seconded by Commissioner Burke. It was voted on and passed 2-1 with O'Brien and Burke voting in favor and Ketley opposed

July 4th

Steve is getting the fireworks permit on June 11th.

There was some conversation about how to promote the event and encourage residents to support it by paying for parking in the designated areas. It was agreed that the department should write an article for The Bulletin, ask Good Morning Wilton to write about it and use social media (Facebook) to help promote the event.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Parks and Recreation meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Burke
Commissioner

