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Wilton Parks and Recreation Commission November 11, 2015

Present: Chairman Mark Ketley, Commissioners Anne Richards, Kevin O'Brien, Joe Burke and Parks and Recreation director Steve Pierce. Also in attendance were Roger Kleinert and Gino Legaz. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm.

Minutes

The Minutes from the October 14th meeting were approved 4-0

Old Business

Model Airplane Activity at Allen's Meadow

P&R is trying to gain a better understanding of the scope of the model airplane activity at Allen's Meadow in light of the crash which damaged a resident's car a few months ago. Steve invited Roger Kleinert who is president of the New Canaan Radio Control Society to speak with the Commission. Mr. Kleinert gave the Commission an overview of the model airplane activity and provided some information on their self-governance. Mr. Kleinert expressed a willingness to work with P&R to increase safety wherever possible.

Steve will speak with town counsel regarding what, if anything can be done to formulate a policy for model airplane activity on Allen's Meadow.

P&R Website and use of Social Media

Commissioner Burke will work with Steve and Scott to create a requirements document for needed improvements to the website.

Merwin Subcommittee Update

The committee discussed the idea of selling only season passes and limiting the number of non-resident passes to 50.

Commissioner O'Brien proposed that we explore the idea of not charging admission to Merwin and making it a "resident's only" facility. Steve will consult with town counsel on that proposal.

Parks and Grounds Report

The grounds crew have been doing a lot of sodding using their new machine, busy working on leaves.

They're getting ready to install the leash friendly new dog signs and the new go green signs for no idling.

The stadium field committee meeting is next week, vendors are coming in to talk about newer products.

Recreation Report

Basketball is gearing up and should start right after Thanksgiving.

The recreation department is looking at programming for the new Comstock building and they are starting the budget process

P&R is working on a list of capital improvements that are needed now or in the 5 year plan.

These include the tennis courts at Middlebrook and at the high school Basketball courts in at Comstock of course Christine Lilly and the stadium field and the replacement and the track.



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Comstock Update

The Comstock project remains on schedule and under budget.

Phase 2 is on schedule to be completed in February 2016

Field Usage

The billing for fall sports use of lighting will be sent to town hall in November

New Business

Merwin playground- there is a group in town led by Vivian Lee-Shiue that is willing to raise funds for a new playground at Merwin. Steve and Scott met with her. She has expressed an interest in attending our December meeting and will be invited.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The
Parks and Recreation meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Burke
Commissioner

