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Wilton Parks and Recreation Commission February 12, 2014

Present: Commission Chairman Mark Ketley, Commissioners Kevin O'Brien, Anne Richards, Joe Burke and Parks and Recreation Director Steve Pierce. Also in attendance was Gino Legaz. Chairman Ketley called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Minutes

Kevin O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Anne Richards. The motion passed 3-0 with Commissioners Ketley, Richards and O'Brien voting in favor.

Miscellaneous

Representatives from the Wilton Blue Jays, a men's age 38 and over baseball team attended the meeting to explain to the scope of their program to the Commission. Participation is open to all Wilton residents. The team plays about 7-9 home games and has a roster of approximately 12-14 players. The team is having conversations with the WBSA regarding joining their organization. The WBSA will meet next Thursday to consider the Blue Jays.

Parks and Grounds

Steve Pierce provided the Commission with a report on the following:

Last Thursday, Steve and Chairman Ketley presented the budget to the Board of Selectmen. There were a very limited number of questions and both Steve and Mark were of the opinion that the budget was well received by the Selectmen.

Recreation

Steve Pierce had previously distributed the Parks and Recreation brochure to the commission for review. The brochure describes spring and summer programs along with their corresponding fees. Steve explained the fee structure for the programs.

There was some conversation about whether or not background checks were performed on program subcontractors. Steve will check with Sara Taffel to get the answer to that question.

Kevin O'Brien made a motion to approve the Parks and Rec brochure that was seconded by Joe Burke. The motion passed 4-0 with Ketley, O'Brien, Richards and Burke voting in favor.

Comstock Building Committee

Commissioner Ketley updated the commission on the Building Committee meeting that both he and Steve Pierce had attended earlier in the evening. Commissioner Ketley reported that this was the first public Building Committee meeting. Attendees received an overview of the design, plans and security issues being considered by the committee. The next meeting will be March 17, 2014.

Parks and Recreation Operations Manual- the operations manual is reviewed and approved by the Commission annually. Anne Richards made a motion to approve the manual which was seconded by Kevin O'Brien. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioners Ketley, Richards, O'Brien and Burke voting in favor.

Private Instruction/Lessons on Town Facilities

Steve Pierce reached out to Town counsel for an opinion on what needs to be considered when formulating a policy regarding the use of Town facilities for private instruction. Counsel is researching this and will respond when research is complete.

Adult Soccer

The Commission proposed that Adult Soccer be brought in house (under the auspices of the Parks and Rec Department) like other soccer programs. The fee structure for out of town players would be consistent with the policies set forth in the Operations Manual.

Anne Richards motioned that this proposal be approved. This was seconded by Joe Burke and approved 4-0. Commissioners Ketley, O'Brien, Richards and Burke voted in favor.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, Commissioner Richards made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. This was seconded by Commissioner Burke. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioners Ketley, O'Brien, Richards and Burke voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Burke
Commissioner