

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

August 5, 2024 – Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Kellie Milne, Andrea Glogowski, Mark Dailey, Sara Bogardus, Trey Bodkin, Prospective new members Bob Garrett and Brent Pollack

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trey Bodkin to approve the minutes from the June 3rd meeting, second by Sara Bogardus, minutes were approved.

Director's report: Ken Bishop went over the Director's report. There were a lot of summer successes at Gavin Park including a large lacrosse event and junior NBA basketball.

Old Business: The two prospective new members were introduced and gave an overview of their background. Ken Bishop then gave them an overview of the Commission's history.

It was noted by Commission members that former contact Bonnie Nightingale at Saratoga PLAN is no longer with the organization. Ken to follow up for a new contact and updates.

Andrea attended the Saratoga Trails Alliance meeting held at Whitman Brewery; she gave an update to the group and noted that Jeff Olson gave an update on his efforts as Board leader to connect trails in Wilton and beyond (Zim Smith, etc.).

Mark gave an update on Margo Olson's efforts at Camp Saratoga, where she is looking to potentially build a playground. There is work currently underway on WWPP's Education Center, Mark to follow up on when this project will be completed.

Trey and Bob spoke about ideas for Margo's playground including a low ropes course, natural features and options for low cost and maintenance.

The Commission looked at the Belmonte Builders map to scope out the area and the proposed paved/unpaved walking/biking trails in and around the Forest Grove neighborhood.

There were 22 responders (so far) to the QR code inquiry that the Town posted on Facebook. Besides a Town pool, the top ideas included bike paths/trails, and a BBQ festival. Andrea to follow up with Maria to post the link again to Facebook. Sara suggested that we need to have an action plan for the data received, along with a target range/demographic. Sara to help possibly distribute fliers to the Lions Club and other organizations.

Mark gave an overview on the Northern Pines fishing project that is moving along nicely. The Commission reviewed the map, wetlands, and updates.

Andrea mentioned that there is still no Wilton centralized trails map posted for public use and the Commission will follow up on this.

Brent gave an update on the proposed zip line at Gavin Park, along with the Harvest 5k fundraiser taking part in October.

New Business: Mark, Kellie, and Ken gave an overview on the EMS adjacent trail walk they took with Steve Ovitt. Mark to follow up with Steve regarding ideas, costs and how to connect with other organizations.

Mark mentioned that the Town of Wilton has a \$500k Park Fund.

Ken to forward Bob and Brent to the Town Board for approval to join the Commission.

Next Meeting: Due to scheduling constraints, the Commission has elected to hold the next meeting on Monday, September 16th.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trey Bodkin to adjourn at 8:30pm, second by Andrea Glogowski.

Respectfully submitted:

Kellie Milne