

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

November 6, 2023 – Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Mark Dailey, Kellie Milne, Andrea Glogowski, Ross MacNeil

Absent: Chad Jerome, Trey Bodkin

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Dailey to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023, meeting. Second by Andrea Glogowski.

Introduction with new Gavin Park Director Ross MacNeil – Ken Bishop gave Ross an overview of the Commission’s mission, including our goal of tapping into other areas of Wilton besides Gavin Park.

Ross gave the Commission an overview of his goals, as he is hoping to bring new ideas to Gavin Park. One goal is to better publicize trails in Wilton. An idea is to do a Community Trail work with a picnic like Halfmoon which would bring better awareness.

Jr. NBA has begun, and participation is down, Ross is interested in ways to better advertise the program. This is the same case with open gym. Pickleball has averaged 45-50 people a day, as is the same case with the over-30 basketball. There was recently a good turnout for the ultimate frisbee tournament. The Christmas Tree lighting will take place on December 1, and it will be an outdoor event. The after-school program is maxed out at 35 children. Ross mentioned that the carpet was just re-done at the playground. One idea brought to the table was placing lighting outdoor for the pickleball courts and any other courts/playgrounds.

Old Business:

Everyone welcomed Andrea as an official new member of the Commission.

Ken has not been able to contact the State Government yet – he will provide an update at the next meeting.

Update from Chad on Forest Glen inquiry and Town Hall maps inquiry – Chad was absent so no update.

The Commission members agreed that one of the best opportunities for partnership is with Margo Olson and the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Parks.

Andrea brought forward an idea to generate a website detailing various trail maps and availability of trails in Wilton. The Commission is interested in finding out who controls social media for the Town/Gavin Park. Ken to connect with Steve Bederian to see if they have a social media representative.

New Business:

Kellie gave overview of the Wild About Blue event and noted that Wilton Wildlife has various projects the Commission could help with.

Mark followed up regarding partnerships with the Veteran's group that is adjacent to the Town owned property on Northern Pines Rd. He notes this is a private organization that may not prefer to have any adjacent trails. He attended the Veteran's Ball with Ray O'Connor and noted that they are building a Women's Veteran home in Ballston Spa. Mark to follow up with the woman who oversees this project.

Ken to follow up with Chad Jerome regarding his membership on the Commission.

Mark brought forward the idea for a field trip to the Yankees or Mets, or even a Siena College or UAlbany game that we could hire a bus for at a discounted rate. He notes that the Christopher Dailey Foundation could sponsor Town residents or children to support the cost.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2023

Adjourn: A motion was made by Kellie Milne to adjourn at 8:06pm, second by Mark Dailey.

Respectfully submitted:

Kellie Milne