

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

December 4, 2023 – Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Mark Dailey, Kellie Milne, Andrea Glogowski, Trey Bodkin

Absent: Chad Jerome

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Dailey to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023, meeting. Second by Andrea Glogowski.

Director's report: Ken to follow up with Ross about whether he will be providing the report prior to our monthly meetings, or if he will attend our meetings in person.

Old Business:

The Commission had a discussion around who is responsible for grants and trails per an update from Ken after he reached out to his government contact. Ken mentioned that there is not one person responsible, and that we would need to check with the State for grants for trails or recreation, and that there may be grants available for sustainable exercise.

Ken to continue to reach out to Chad Jerome regarding membership.

Ken to reach out to Margo Olson regarding putting another meeting on our calendar with Wilton Wildlife regarding objectives and desire to work together. The Commission noted that we could serve as a liaison between the Town and Wilton Wildlife or act as an advocate.

Trey to follow up with Charles Dake regarding when and where the next county-wide trails committee meeting is as our group is interested in being in regular attendance.

New Business:

Multiple Commission members attended the Gavin Park tree lighting in December and the group reflected on how it went and turnout. The Commission feels that advertising could be improved for next year's tree lighting. The Commission would like to find out if the tree lighting is always the first Friday in December. The

Commission would like to help with advertising and social media presence. The group discussed how the Town's website could be improved to have a better Gavin Park section and could be changed to add multiple sections about trails, Camp Saratoga, Saratoga PLAN. One idea was to have a Wilton trails competition badge. Andrea asked if we could generate a whole other website entirely dedicated to Wilton Recreation. Per previous discussions with Ross MacNeil, the Commission could also help with advertising for his idea for a trails/picnic day. Ken to reach out to Ross to inquire about websites/social media presence.

Mark gave an update on the Veteran's initiative with Michelle Strait and the Town. Mark to attend meeting with John Lant and Ray O'Connor regarding opportunities.

Trey brought up the idea of adding lights to the Pickleball courts. The group then discussed light pollution, times for opening, noise and other setbacks. Mark to ask Ross about Pickleball leagues. The Town could partner with Pickleball Galaxy out of Clifton Park and could also host a greater tournament as an idea for 2024.

The commission seeks another new member and Kellie to reach out to sure about posting this on the Town's website.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2024

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trey Bodkin to adjourn at 8:17pm, second by Kellie Milne.

Respectfully submitted:

Kellie Milne