



TOWN OF WILTON
Recreation
AT GAVIN PARK

Wilton Park and Recreation Meeting
Minutes
April 01, 2019

Staff: Steve Streicher, Board Liaison
Mark Marino, Recreation Administrator
Kim Brock, Office Specialist, Secretary to Commission

Members: John Roessner, Vice Chairman
Lynette Robinson, Ken Bishop,
Erin Armstrong, Daniel Warren

Absent: Erin Armstrong

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Motion to approve the March Minutes with two changes was made by Mrs. Robinson. Seconded by Mr. Bishop. All in favor.

III. Director's Report

Announcement: Gavin Park was nominated for Best of Saratoga. Mr. Marino would like to place an ad in the Saratoga Today to have people vote for us. The Programs, Events and Facility items were presented according to agenda. Programs: We had a free gardening workshop on March 21 from 7-8pm in conjunction with the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Mr. Bishop asked if it is a community garden and Mr. Marino confirmed that is it. Evening sessions of pickle ball have started 3 nights during the week averaging 8-15 participants. Open gym session is ending on April 5. Staffing concerns were discussed. Mr. Warren suggested hiring retirees and Mr. Roessner was in agreement. Mr. Streicher would like the program to run longer. Over 30 Men's league is going well with 20-24 participants in attendance. Afterschool is going well and passed a recent unannounced OCFS inspection. Summer Camp has less than 30 spots available. The Hawley Foundation has awarded \$4,000.00 in scholarship grants for Summer Camp to Gavin Park. Mr. Bishop would like to be informed if we need additional scholarships. Mr. Marino sent an e-mail out to his staff thanking them for their hard work with the enrollments. Bussing, bus driver rates and how the changes will affect the budget were discussed by Mr. Marino. We have received positive feedback from our birthday party surveys indicating that the staff is doing an excellent job and the children enjoy using the Gavin gym. Breakers Club has 10 children enrolled with 3 weeks remaining to sign up. Events: The Wilton YMCA wants to sponsor a Bike-A-Thon with 80 spinning bikes on June 2nd from 8am – 12pm at Gavin Park to raise money for their programs. Mrs. Robinson asked if the event was inside or out and Mr.

Marino stated that the plan was to have it under the new pavilion. The Swarm 2 on 2 Basketball tournament was held on March 30 to support the Flag football program. Mr. Warren discussed the details of the event. There were 48 teams with ages ranging from 2nd grade to adults. Mr. Marino stated that Zero Gravity had a tournament this past weekend and they used the Dailey gym. Mr. Warren requested the contact information for the upcoming Athletics Headquarters basketball tournament on April 13-14. The Purim Carnival had their event on March 25th in the Gavin gym which had coverage from the Wilton Report. Mr. Marino met with the coordinator from the May Day Classic and stated that they will be using more soccer fields and extending the dates for May 3-5. A Park fest meeting was held recently to discuss the details of the event for July 13th. Facility: We have had an increase in new rentals including the Upstate Youth, Athletic Headquarters and Saratoga Sparks basketball tournaments, Swarm basketball, Frisbee, and Dodgeball. The Waldorf school has also been using the Gavin gym more for their P.E. classes. We have contacted BDB Paving and Sealcoating regarding sealcoating, crack filling and striping. Mr. Marino mentioned that the new anchor/bracket support was installed to one of the backboards in the Gavin gym. Mr. Marino stated that we have been using the concession more during tournaments. Mr. Roessner asked why we make the concession available and Mr. Marino stated that the revenue helps offset any additional costs to the facility. A new pitching machine has been ordered through the National IPA contract with BSN sports equipment. Projects: The Town of Wilton building department has started working on the new pavilion. They also have prepped the old pavilion for the concrete flooring. Mr. Marino will be coordinating with Mr. Riper and Mr. Mykins from the building department with the planning of the purchase and installation of the A/C in the Dailey gym. The renovations of the Splash Park bath rooms were discussed. Budget: Mr. Marino distributed a handout to be reviewed by the Commission members for the next meeting. Guest: Gary Hasbrouck requested an update on the purchase of Splash Park passes.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Roessner said he has spoken with two people regarding solicitation of Recreation Commission membership.

IV. New Business-none presented

Mr. Streicher made a suggestion to consider installing a Turf field as an addition to the continuing improvements at Gavin Park. Mr. Bishop recommended contacting Union College for additional information. Mr. Roessner stated that Turf fields are expensive.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to cancel July 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bishop. All in favor.

Adjournment—Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Mr. Warren. All in favor.