



TOWN OF WILTON
Recreation
AT GAVIN PARK

Wilton Park and Recreation Meeting
Minutes
August 5, 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, Mark Dailey

Absent: Erin Armstrong, Daniel Warren, Steve Streicher

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
- II. Motion to approve the June 2019 minutes was made by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bishop. All in favor.
- III. Directors Report
 1. Programs
 - a. Revenue is at 76.6% of the 2019 budget.
 - b. Pickle ball-still running outdoors only. They are playing from 9-11:30am with over 25 in attendance including some new visitors.
 - c. Summer Camp has been having good weather and is going well.
 - d. Mrs. Salica and Mr. Marino visited the Saratoga County Fair which was excellent and also had great weather.
 - e. Field Trip revenue is standing at 94.6% and Camp Fees at 91.8% of the budget with time to grow before the end of camp.
 - f. Splash Park revenue is at 41.6% of budget. Mr. Roessner asked if there were any problems with Splash Park. Mr. Marino said they are having problems with sensors and hard water buildup. Mr. Bishop asked if we can put in a filtration system to assist with the hard water. Mr. Marino said we can certainly look into it. Four umbrellas have been replaced. We are experiencing great attendance in addition to good weather.

Mr. Marino said the new staff are doing a great job. There are new items for sale at concession such as corndogs, cheese sticks and more salads. We were able to get a great deal on a new large shaved ice machine with a discontinued unit for the same cost as the current unit replacement.

2. Events

- a. Parkfest, parking and vendors coming in and out went well. The bands, Funk Evolution and Desert Highway were terrific. The fireworks were great. Mr. Marino said the Highway Department did a great job and he thanks them. He also said Mr. King and his department did a fantastic job. The kids love spraying the house with the Fire Department. There were approximately a dozen custom cars. Mr. Marino sent a recognition letter on July 18, 2019.
- b. Aim Services, Inc. is having a Croquet Tournament/Wine Tasting tomorrow from 3-7pm. Representative Paul Tonko and Art Johnson will be in attendance.
- c. Coach Burke is having a Basketball Camp from August 19-22, 2019. He is the Varsity Boys Coach from Skidmore. The team is renting our gyms.

3. Facility

- a. A/C and heating unit in Dailey Gym purchase order has been approved for WPS Consulting Engineers, PC and has been submitted to Maria Moran and Ryan Riper to go out to bid. Completion anticipation is early October.
- b. Revenue for facility rentals is at 81.3% of the budget. We are getting a lot more use.
- c. We have ordered new picnic tables from Unlimited Potential. We are ordering two new small grills for the large pavilion. Mr. Marino would like to thank Kirk Woodcock for equipment and other resources as well as Mark Mykins and his department. We have potable water and two electric locations (need to set up two outlets) and the small pavilion has one electric location.
- d. Remaining projects for the new pavilion include installation of weed block for the berm and add a row of Burning Bushes. Mr. King will provide information for irrigation. The walking path will return to its original location between the pavilion and berm. We hope to have small venue events under the new pavilion.
- e. Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club is using two fields four days a week. Mr. Latzko is using Dailey Gym for Basketball, the Saratoga Sr. Men's Baseball league is using facility on Sundays. Mr. Mitchell is renting A field for Softball two to three times per week. Mrs. Robinson asked if what Mr. Streicher said about fields sinking is still a problem. Mr.

Marino said is not good-it's D field. Mr. Roessner asked if they fixed the lips. Mr. Marino said the ground sinking is causing a ski ball effect.

- f. Birthday parties have become real popular. We have been having between two and three parties each weekend.

IV. Old Business

1. Budget

- a. Mr. Marino provided a handout of Capital Budget requests for 2020.
 - i. Outdoor bathrooms.
 - 1. Including re-draft blueprints
 - ii. Fencing along walking path. Mr. Roessner asked why a fence was needed for walking path. Mr. Marino explained the danger from cars parking there. Mr. Bishop thinks we should call the Police and have them ticketed due to the danger.
 - iii. Padding for the Gavin Gym-walls are being hit with balls.
 - iv. Resurfacing the basketball court/crack filling tennis courts.
 - v. Expression Swings (2 sets including frames). Mrs. Robinson asked if these swings are in addition to current ones or replacing two current ones. Mr. Marino replied they will be in addition to.
 - vi. Game tables (pool, table tennis and air hockey).

The Commission has no issue with these requests. Mr. Roessner would like to know what the Park Reserve balance is. Mr. Bishop would like a balance sheet of Park Reserve Fund.

V. New Business

- 1. Discussion of minute taking took place. The Commission would like to get clarity on open meetings law.

Mr. Bishop said he attended the Rhino Tournament and found the fields were in amazing condition and that he heard it from numerous people attending. He said he gives Mr. King and his staff all the credit in the world.

Mr. Marino said he spoke with Mr. Bartol and Mr. LaDue regarding two more stretching stations from the Friends of Wilton Recreation.

The September meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019 due to Labor Day.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm was made by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bishop. All in favor.