

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

February 3, 2025 – Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Mark Dailey, Andrea Glogowski, Bob Garrett, Brent Pollack, Sara Bogardus, Shawn Lescault, Ross MacNeil (Gavin Park)

Absent: Kellie Milne

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Dailey to approve the minutes from the January 6th meeting, second by Sara Bogardus, minutes were approved.

Director's report:

Ross MacNeil provided an update on current and upcoming activities at Gavin Park including:

- Jr. NBA Playoffs were scheduled for February 8th
- Pickleball is averaging 45 players a day and additional time slots are needed to accommodate players
- A "learn to play" pickleball league will be starting as there is a lot of interest from beginners
- Over 30 basketball has been averaging 25-30 people
- Open gym 12 -4 during school breaks
- Summer Camp prep is starting and sign ups will be on March 10th at 6pm
 - Scholarships are being planned by Project Lift and the Town of Wilton
- 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 11th 5:30-7:30
- Community Day will be June 21st 11:30-5:30
- The Pavilion Ice Rink is running for the season

Old Business:

- a. Northern Pines Project Update - The Commission had no updates

b. Update on Zip Lines - Brent Pollack provided an update, and stated that the zip lines are planned to be installed starting in April 2025

c. EMS/Forest Grove Trails Update: Ken Bishop and Mark Dailey met with Bill Rice about trails. The Commission discussed the status of the Forest Grove construction and noted that trails in the subdivision will be paved, and outside of the subdivision will be dirt/accessible trail cover with the potential for adjoining bike/hiking trails. Ken Bishop and Shawn Lescault noted that the construction project will take several years to be completed and final plans for subdivision and EMS trails may change.

The Commission also discussed potential uses for the Town of Wilton owned property within the subdivision and noted that this area should benefit the surrounding development. Several ideas for the potential recreation space were discussed (playground, trails, pickleball, pump track) and Ken Bishop noted that the community survey results may give us a good idea of what the community is looking for in these recreation spaces.

d. Joint Trails meeting, planning and agenda: The Joint Trails Meeting is scheduled for February 26th, 2025 at 7pm with a presentation by Natalie Lincoln, Grants Coordinator for Congressman Paul Tonko.

e. Town Board Meeting Attendance - Survey Discussion/Presentation at Town Board Meeting postponed to March 6th, 2025. The Commission discussed presenting the QR Code Survey and will be introducing members and survey info at the March Town Board Meeting.

New Business:

a. Mark Daily provided information on the Graphite group and extension of the trail to Wilton Greenfield Road, and Skidmore and Daniels Road trails.

b. Ken Bishop and Mark Daily discussed the potential for the Commission to create sub-committees. Ideas for sub-committees will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

c. Sean Lescault discussed the Wilton Youth Baseball's plans to update and/or move the concession stand. Sean provided an overview of the plans and potential locations for the new concession areas, and requested feedback from the Commission.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 3rd

Adjourn: A motion was made by Shawn Lescault to adjourn at 8:22pm, second by Ken Bishop.

Respectfully submitted:

Sara Bogardus