

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

March 3, 2025 – Gavin Park

Meeting Start Time: 7:02 PM

Present: All members in attendance

Absent: None

Motion to Open Meeting:

- Motion: Mark Dailey
- Second: Andrea Glogowski
- Approved

Minutes Approval:

- Motion to approve: Kellie Milne
- Second: Sean Lescault
- Approved. Kellie to send minutes to Sue.
- Kellie will use AI for minute-taking going forward.

Director's Report Review:

- Summer camp enrollment will begin on March 10.
- Ken to inquire about Pickleball.

Old Business:

1. Joint Trails Presentation (last week):
 - Kellie took minutes, which were approved.
 - Ken will prepare the presentation copy and minutes and share them with attendees.
 - Ken will set up a joint trails meeting in June.
2. Discussion of Natalie's Presentation:
 - Mark emphasized the importance of maintaining contact with involved parties.

- Ken mentioned that the town may have a grants coordinator and will identify who that is.
- The commission discussed the importance of local support and considered inviting the congressman's office to Wilton Community Day.
- Brent raised concerns that funding amounts seemed larger than what Friends of Wilton would typically request. Ken advised that organizations should always ask for a reasonable funding amount, as costs tend to grow over time.
- Wendy suggested reaching out to state-level representatives.
- Bob recommended inviting Carrie Woerner to Wilton Community Day. Shawn emphasized the need to be mindful of the invite process.

3. Trails Work at Forest Grove Neighborhood:

- Zach from WPM reported that the cost for the trails work is estimated between \$100K and \$180K.
- Mark commented on the paved trail and various spots around the acreage.
- Sara inquired about the cost range for trails work, but the commission noted a lack of experience in estimating such costs.

4. Committees Discussion:

- Sara proposed the creation of an outreach or fundraising committee.
- Ken emphasized the need for a balanced commission.
- Shawn reminded the commission to check the By-Laws and the Charter to ensure compliance.
- Kellie will circulate the By-Laws for review.

New Business:

1. Welcoming Wendy:

- Ken officially welcomed Wendy to the commission.

2. Upcoming Town Board Meeting Presentation (March 6). The commission will present at the Town Board meeting on Thursday night the following topics:

Survey Results Review (2024):

- Andrea and Sara will review the survey results and summarize the findings.
- Shawn noted that safe pathways and trail connections are key priorities for the Town Board.

Summary of Last Week's Joint Trails Meeting:

- Ken emphasized summarizing the fishing pier project, zip line, advice, recommendations, partnerships, and active communication.

Commission Growth:

- Sara highlighted that the commission has grown to 9 members over the past year.

Meeting with Community Recreation Groups:

- Andrea noted that the commission meets twice annually with other local recreation groups.

Forest Grove Trails Network Update:

- Mark suggested bringing up the Forest Grove trails network, progress, and recreation opportunities.

3. PLAN Meeting at Artisanal:

- Sara asked if anyone attended the PLAN meeting last week.

4. Social Gathering:

- Ken will organize a social gathering at Artisanal in March.

Meeting Adjournment:

- Motion: Bob Garrett
- Second: Brent Pollack

- Adjourned at 7:44 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Kellie Milne