Wilton Park and Recreation Advisory Committee - Minutes

October 5, 2026 - Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Shawn Lescault, Sara Bogardus, Wendy Mahaney, Brent Pollak, Andrea Glogowski **Absent:** Kellie Milne, Mark Dailey, Bob Garrett
Other attendees: Erinn Kolligian

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes by Ken, second by Wendy
- Ross was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent director's report, reviewed by all present
- Mater plan
    - Erinn Kolligan, Mark Dailey, Bob Garrett and Ross MacNeil met with Don McPherson and an intern from LA Group last week
    - Approval from the school was obtained to expand the parking lot
    - If Johnson field is moving, potentially a turf infield could be utilized so the field is usable for both baseball and softball
    - Possibility to expand/re-do the current bathrooms
    - Possibility of new bathrooms in place of a field or at the end of pavilion
    - Potential to use PVC fencing for fields if individual groups desire, youth baseball may have fencing available that could be utilized. Likely space in the shed at Gavin Park to store the fence when not in use
    - LA Group is putting together itemized costs for the following
        - Turf infield
        - bathroom/concessions at the end of long pavilion
        - Renovation of bathrooms near playground
    - Once costs are received they can be discussed in further detail, and then the process can begin to look for grants, fundraise, etc.
    - It was noted with these changes there is potential to have 3 fields that are suitable for majors baseball and softball, which would be beneficial based on feedback the commission has heard from the groups utilizing Gavin park
    - The comptroller and Ross are meeting to perform a cost-benefit analysis of hosting these large tournaments and whether they are actually beneficial to the town
- Scout/Edie Road
    - SMBA sent MOU, continuing to move forward
- Veterans Flags
    - Ideally can begin notifying veterans groups followed by an official announcement by the town on veterans day
        - Letters have been drafted for this purpose
    - Town board approved an email address for this project, Erinn will talk with the town about executing this

- Friends of Wilton will accept payment, potential to utilize Google forms and paypal to streamline payment and collection of data
    - Sean has a contact who can likely help set up google forms
- Follow-up
    - Ask 2-3 companies for a sample before committing?
    - Do banners include hardware or do we need to include that in price
    - Erinn to confirm we can use town letterhead
    - Ken will count poles next time he is in town, they are in labeled in sequential order
- Fire department willing to help hang banners