



Wilton Park and Recreation Meeting
Minutes
March 4, 2013

In Attendance: Steve Streicher, Board Liaison
Steve Porto, Recreation Director
Kim Brock, Sr. Account Clerk, Secretary to Commission

Members: John Roessner, Chairman
Lynette Robinson, Ken Bishop, Joe Bartol, Brendan Geraghty,
Tom Coons, Mike Myers

Absent: John Roessner

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Motion to approve the January minutes made by Mr. Myers. Motion was seconded by Mr. Geraghty. All in favor.
- III. Director's Report
 - a. Programs
 1. Mr. Porto referred the members to the March calendar.
 - b. Events
 1. The events schedule was passed out to all members.
 - c. Facility
 1. Mr. Porto asked the Commission to read through the list of facility items and if they had any questions, he would be happy to answer them. He also noted that we have a maintenance person who is out indefinitely. We will be hiring temporary help.
- IV. Old Business
 1. Mr. Porto feels we should have an addendum to our Master Plan for the Park. Mr. Myers asked if we want to formally update it. Mr. Porto replied the Town should look at the Master Plan as there is a need to update it. Mr. Bartol and Mr. Porto went on a search of "parkland" that was donated to the Town. Mr. Bartol said the land is pretty well sloped and would be difficult to use for field sports. Mr. Myers said the limiting factor is money and the Commission should not limit their thinking by what the Town Board wants only by what the residents want. Mr. Porto said he would recommend that the Commission should create a request to update the Master Plan but should include areas other than just Gavin Park. Mr.

Myers said he would assist in creating a survey that could be sent to Wilton residents.

2. Mr. Porto asked if anyone looked at the LA Group update. Mrs. Robinson said "I loved it". All agreed. Mr. Myers asked for a recommended pricing structure.

V. New Business

1. Mr. Porto said we should meet with Parkitechs to discuss adding elements for the playground for kids who have challenges. He further stated this should be part of the Master Plan to spell out time lines of when and what elements should be added. Mr. Bishop asked what the percentage of what we currently have versus other playgrounds in the area for children with challenges as we have several that qualify currently. Mr. Porto will attempt to answer that question at the next meeting. Mr. Porto said, as an aside, he would like the Commission to consider putting the ice rink over the Spray Park area. He said the surface would be ideal for the underlayment of the rink.
2. The Park received a request from a co-ed Softball League for the addition of more fields. As it is now, we put teams on waiting lists. The Polo grounds are opening its fields to sporting events. We have already lost ½ of our Mad Dog Tournament to that facility.
3. Afterschool, birthday party and Jr. NBA surveys were passed around (some unopened to be opened by the Commission) for their review.
4. Mr. Porto informed the Commission that he has been appointed to the Convention and Tourism Bureau for Saratoga Springs. He was congratulated by the Commission.
5. Mr. Porto said he would be attending a free seminar on Recreation Liability.
6. Mr. Porto had a meeting with Mr. Streicher. There was discussion about the startup process for the ice rink for which Mr. Streicher said the money would come from the general fund. Mr. Streicher said he would find out how much money is in the Park Reserve Account and let the Commission know as the Park is not automatically informed of this amount. Mr. Streicher mentioned that the Town Board was still awaiting an answer from Wilton Youth Baseball regarding an offer they made of a rate reduction for the group. This announcement took the Commission by surprise and there were multiple questions raised by the members.
7. There has been a request by Wilton Youth Baseball to place warning tracks at D & E fields as well as a 50-70 conversion on B field with pitching mound changes. Mr. Porto said we would have to speak with the Soccer organization prior to doing anything on B field as it could impact tournament play. There was a request from the Town Safety Officer for Wilton Youth Baseball to place skirting around the concession stands which has not been done to date.
8. The Saratoga Springs School Board will not make a decision regarding the Walking Path until their April meeting.

9. Mr. Myers asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the outdoor scoreboards. Mr. Porto replied it is the responsibility of Wilton Youth Baseball and asked if there is an issue. Mr. Myers said at times it does not work appropriately. Mr. Porto said we have not been informed of any issues with scoreboards not functioning. Baseball also requested some time ago to move the scoreboard controller inside the dugouts. The building department would need to approve the request to move scoreboard controllers inside the dugouts.

Adjournment—Mr. Coons made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Mr. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.