



Wilton Park and Recreation Meeting  
Minutes  
May 6, 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: Ken Bishop

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.
- II. Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Mr. Bartol. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Robinson. All in favor.
- III. Director's Report
  - a. Programs
    1. Mr. Porto referred the members to the May/June calendar.
  - b. Events
    1. The events schedule has not changed at this time.
  - c. Facility
    1. Mr. Porto asked the Commission to read through the list of facility items. Mr. Porto also wanted to give credit to the maintenance staff for all of the work they did to prepare for tournaments.
- IV. Old Business
  1. The Master Plan survey discussion was tabled.
  2. We currently have three projects in process which are the horseshoe pit, shuffle board and beach volleyball court additions that are located by the playground area. Mr. Roessner asked who is paying for the projects. Mr. Porto answered the Town Board approved payment from the Park Fund (2012 projects). Mr. Bartol asked when completion is expected. Mr. Porto said he has not been given a date.
  3. Mr. Porto asked if there were any reports from the sub-committees. Mr. Roessner said about four weeks ago, he, Steve Streicher, Joe Bartol, Ken Bishop and Brendan Geraghty went out to the new park location property. They found the property to be very wet-especially at this time of the year.

They did not have the map that they now have and may go back to revisit the site. Mr. Roessner asked if it would be possible if the LA Group would be willing to go out and take a look with them. Mr. Porto said he would email Don (from the LA Group) and Mr. Roessner would coordinate a date.

Mr. Streicher said they would be going over the rules associated with the ice rink management.

Mr. Porto told the Commission that the Superintendent of Saratoga Schools would be attending a meeting (regarding the Walking Path) with him and the Town Supervisor on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and they would take a look at an area that may be of concern to the School District.

V. New Business

1. Language in the Park email was discussed with the Commission which found that this is not a big issue here at Gavin Park.
2. Mr. Porto highlighted the end-results from surveys for Birthday Parties and Breakers Clubs. These are overwhelmingly positive results.
3. Mr. Porto brought up an article about violence in parks and playgrounds which is not currently an issue at Gavin Park.
4. Mr. Porto said we signed up to participate in a new program-a Kid's Expo at the Wilton Mall. It was very well received. Ross MacNeil, our Recreation Assistant, did a great job representing the Town of Wilton Recreation Department and giving out information on Recreation Programs and Parkfest.
5. We have received a complaint about our outdoor basketball nets. Unfortunately, no one carries the replacement hardware and the Commission and Park Director feel the current condition is fine (no other complaints noted).
6. Mr. Porto told the Commission that the Town Board met regarding the background check discussion at the last meeting. They are requiring the groups we have contracts with (soccer and baseball) to sign an affidavit that they have completed the appropriate background checks on their coaches and working volunteers. The Commission agrees with the Town Board decision.
7. There was a request made by Wilton Youth Baseball to put warning tracks on fields D & E. Mr. Johnson, Town Supervisor, said that due to the \$4000.00 cost and questions about need, it is not something we would do at this time. However, a 10' white line has been painted in that area by the maintenance department to inform players.
8. Our Summer Camp is currently filling at a rate of approximately 67% faster than the prior year.

Adjournment—Mr. Coons made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded. All in favor.