

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

November 4, 2024 – Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Mark Dailey, Kellie Milne, Andrea Glogowski, Bob Garrett, Ross MacNeil, Wendy Mahaney

Absent: Trey Bodkin, Sara Bogardus, Brent Pollack

Meeting called to order at 6:58PM

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bob Garrett to approve the minutes from the October 7th meeting, second by Andrea Glogowski, minutes were approved.

Director's report: Ross provided a robust update on the happenings and programs at Gavin Park. Topics covered include: Pickleball programs, open gym, over 30yr basketball, and Trunk or Treat. Ross gave an overview on activities he would be interested in planning for next year including Adopt a Soldier (or other organization) haunted house fundraiser, gladiator lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, tree lighting (planned for 12/6/24), Ninja warped wall donation, programs with Living Resources, Kids Night Out.

Old Business: Wendy Mahaney, prospective new member, introduced herself to the Commission. The Commission agrees to support her membership.

Andrea to send QR code survey results to Ross. Andrea noted that biking trails are a popular response on the QR Code survey the Commission sent around. There were multiple responses regarding the Jones Road project which the Commission plans to share with the Town.

Mark explained the status of the Northern Pines project. There is a survey being done including reports from structural engineers to assist in designing the platform for the fishing on Snook Kill. Still on target for spring 2025.

Brent was absent but passed along to Ken that they were still tallying the funds raised from the Friends of Wilton 5k event in October.

The Wilton Wildlife Wild about Blue event was a good event where Mark and his family were honored. The Commission stays in touch with Margo Olson.

Forest Grove trails update: Mark and Ken attended a meeting with representatives from Belmonte Builders along with Ryan Riper and John Lant. They discussed the trails map at the Forest Grove neighborhood and status of phases, planning and paving. The Commission discussed helping with trail add-ons or expansions, and brainstormed a pump track, disc golf or dog park. Mark to follow up with Steve Ovitt to see what a trails assessment would cost. Ken will seek to obtain next steps with the Town Board and/or Planning Board and how the Commission can help with planning.

The Commission discussed the upcoming Joint Trails meeting with Natalie Lincoln on November 12th. Ken to obtain presentation from Natalie, and work with Ross on set up and projector. Ken to also send a reminder to invitees. (**Author notes the Joint Trails meeting was since cancelled and to be rescheduled*)

The Commission discussed attendance and representation at Town Board meetings in 2025. The Commission would like to attend once per quarter and created a preliminary attendance schedule. Topics to be determined as needed.

The Commission discussed Trey Bodkin's membership, as he has advised he can no longer attend Commission meetings until July 2025. The Commission is electing to keep Trey as a member and work with him as his schedule allows.

New Business:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 2nd.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Kellie Milne to adjourn at 8:21pm, second by Bob Garrett.

Respectfully submitted:

Kellie Milne