

Wilmington Recreation Commission-Minutes

Date: 6/17/2020

Location: (Via Zoom)

Attendees:

Karen Molina, Chair; Scott Tucker, Town Manager, Vincent Rice, Selectboard, Gretchen Havreluk, Economic & Community Development Consultant, Randy Knaggs, Member, Dario Lussardi, Member

Agenda Topics

The meeting was called to order by Karen Molina at 10:05.

Restructuring: In discussing Commission structure, Scott clarified that a quorum of 3 is necessary for voting since the Commission consists of 5 available seats.

Having reached a quorum, a motion was made by Dario and seconded by Randy Appointing Karen as Chairperson and Dario as Secretary of the Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.

Wings Summer Program: In the past, the Wings Program offered a summer day camp at the elementary school and a summer drama program. The town of Wilmington sponsored a Middle School Program at the Old School Enrichment Center. Due to the Covid pandemic, these programs will not be offered this year.

Instead, Wings will be offering a Virtual Enrichment Programs be offered for K-12 students, a Virtual Leadership Team Program for grades 6-12 students to promote student leadership activities, Tutoring/ Student Academic Support (Grades K-12) program. All of these programs would require staffing and supplies.

There was discussion about the Recreation Commission helping to fund the Middle School programs. Town Manager, Scott requested specific requests for funding that he may present to the Selectboard.

Outdoor Tennis/Pickleball Courts: Randy reported on some of the repair work that has begun to make the playing surface safe for public use. The discussion focused on the need to provide healthy resources and activities to have a vital community. To this end it was also stated that if these courts were to be a continued resource to the community, they would need to be maintained more regularly.

A short-term repair plan is in place that will continue to repair and patch cracks in the short term. Scott and Randy will be looking into various possibilities for re-painting the lines which have been worn off.

A longer-term plan is being developed that will require greater funding than is currently available. Gretchen reviewed some grant possibilities, all which will likely require matching funds. The first step will be to obtain estimates from professional court re-paving companies.

Scott will contact some Vermont based companies used in the past; Randy will also be assisting in this research. Gretchen will continue to explore other grant funding possibilities for more extensive repairs and possible resurfacing in the near future.

It was also briefly discussed that the Recreation Commission is in need of a Charge with the authority and responsibility to move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted, Dario Lussardi