

Fred Wolfe Park Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting Room Town Hall
August 24, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

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ATTENDANCE

Present: John Carangelo, Jeanine Capecelatro, Tracy Persico, PJ Shanley, Jack Pritchard & Ann Denny, Recording Secretary.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

John Carangelo called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introductions

Committee members present introduced themselves.

3. Public Participation

Erika Higgins, 303 Drummond Road asked if there is a plan for traffic for the fall season. She wanted to know if Hollow Road will be closed and Oakview Road will be opening. PJ Shanley read a message sent to him from Tom Pisano, He hopes BL Companies know that the cornfields will be available to use. He is filing a petition next week.

4. Committee Discussion in public

Mr. Carangelo said the contract was signed with BL Companies and he invited Derek Kohl and Mike Dion to join the committee at the table to discuss where we go from here. Mr. Kohl said the next steps would be to schedule a kickoff meeting to discuss points of contact, clarifying the scope of work in detail, and establishing a schedule. He asked Mr. Carangelo to send an email authorizing the additional services. BL needs to file paperwork for obtaining clearances to fly the UAV drone. Mr. Dion said they will do the traffic counts for one week and they would like to do them when soccer and lacrosse start. They have internal work they can start while waiting to do the traffic counts. They asked if there was a date for the playground opening. Mr. Kohl agrees that they will start with the highest priorities and safety is the most important priority. They will evaluate access, circulation, and parking in the park. There are temporary measures that can be done including visual indicators like signage, parking lines, traffic drums and cones, speed humps and opening Oakview Drive. It is critical to have more than one access point. He said it would be helpful to send out press releases and post information on websites to direct people. The next thing the committee will do is meet with BL Companies at Fred Wolfe Park. A tentative meeting has been set for Tuesday

September 5th at 4:30 p.m. The Police Department and Public Works will be invited to attend. The next meeting at Town Hall will be Tuesday September 19th at 5:30 p.m.

5. **Minutes**

On a motion made by PJ Shanley, seconded by Tracy Persico the minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting of the Fred Wolfe Park Ad Hoc Committee were approved as presented 4-0-1, Jack Pritchard abstained.

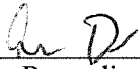
6. **Continued discussions**

Mr. Shanley mentioned to BL that the First Selectman was looking into obtaining a grant for pickleball courts at the park. Mr. Kohl said that is something BL can help with.

7. **Adjournment**

PJ Shanley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m., Jeanine Capecelatro seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Denny, Recording Secretary