

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
April 4, 2024**

Present:

Members – Saresh Alambath, Ron Bento, Michael Burns, and Laurie Robarge

Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Brett Sawin, Senior Clerk, Marilyn Manos

Absent – Jennifer Crane

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes:

The March 7, 2024 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Michael Burns; second by Ron Bento.

Director's Report:

Brett reviewed the details of the Monthly Report for March 2024.

Old Business:

Spring/Summer Program Registrations: Tiny Tots/Kids Club Ages 5 & 6 are full for both sessions. All other programs are going well with many options for a wide range of ages.

MRPA State Conference: Bree and Marilyn attended this year, and each went to different sessions throughout the two days. They were able to get a lot out of them and have many new ideas to improve our programs. This conference is also a great opportunity to connect with other towns.

Summer Staffing: We have had positive responses to returning beach staff, but we are still actively looking for more. With most of the Tiny Tots/Kids Club staff unable to return this year, we have 2 new hires so far. Bree attended the Career Fair at the high school to help advertise these open positions, as well as Playground Leaders.

New Business:

Fields and Courts: All grass fields in town opened on Monday, April 1. Permit holders have been contacted and some of their leagues have begun. In the meantime, DPW is also actively working on Lowell Street with the softball field. They are trying to get it to playable practice conditions and have started a turf management program.

Upcoming Trips: On Monday, April 8 we have a full bus of 50 traveling to Burlington, VT to see the Total Solar Eclipse. Newport Playhouse in May and Cabbage Island in June are both full as well. Mackinac Island in June will take place with 28 passengers. New York City in May and Margaritaville in July have space available. There will be a small overnight trip announced soon.

Discussion/Questions:

Basketball Supervisor Pay Inquiry: A pay scale has been created for Recreation employees. Pay will remain the same for 2 years before increasing.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Laurie Robarge;
second by Saresb Alambath.

Marilyn Manos
Senior Clerk, Recreation