

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
October 6, 2016**

**Members Present:** Charles Biondo, Sheila Burke, Mike Burns, Jennifer Crane, Laurie Robarge and Recreation Director, Karen Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

The September 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Charlie Biondo, second by Sheila Burke.

**Director's Report:**

Monthly Report – Karen is considering updating the Monthly Report to better reflect the activities of the department. Input is requested from the members, and Karen will also follow up with the Town Manager for requirements of the report.

SNL Flag Football – This is a great program. There was an injury suffered by a player during the first week (non-contact), but it was handled well by the SNL staff and Wilmington's emergency response personnel.

Jr. Golf, 35+ Basketball and Yoga for the Full Figured Woman are beneficial repeat programs that began in September. Pickleball is in session again at the Textron Tennis Courts.

Trips in September included a day trip to Foxwoods. Numbers have decreased over the years for the casino day trips but 40 participants were on the coach this month. The Septemberfest day trip went well and participants requested more trips from this particular tour company, All Around New England. The New York City overnight trip was successful with the exception of a lost piece of luggage. Trip leader extraordinaire, Janet Engrem, provided transportation home for the couple whose car keys were in the lost luggage. The luggage was eventually recovered and returned.

**New Business:**

The Horribles Parade will be held on Sunday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m. The Recreation Department is seeking volunteers to give out candy and provide crowd control.

Recreation Basketball – The registration deadline was Thursday, October 6. Numbers of players continue to drop due to interest and availability of competing sports and "one sport focus".

Colorado Rockies Trip – Full trip information and registration is due to be available beginning November 15.

Program Coordinator position – There were over 80 applicants for the position. Karen narrowed the field to 3, and Karen and Senior Clerk Linda Kanter conducted interviews of the top 3. All 3 candidates are exceptional which will make the final choice a difficult one.

**Open Discussion:**

Mike Burns asked about the status of the Dog Park. Karen reported that Animal Control Officer Christopher Sullivan has assumed full responsibility for the operation of the park and is dealing with all of the related issues.

Members discussed the Yentile Property, and the extent that the Recreation Department will be involved. Karen reported that the Recreation Department will be responsible for issuing permits for the turf field.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Laurie Robarge, second by Sheila Burke.

Submitted by:

Laurie Robarge  
Commissioner