

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of December 3, 2015 meeting**

Members Present: Charlie Biondo, Shelia Burke, Michael Burns, Laurie Robarge & Director, Deborah Cipriani

Members Absent: Mark Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

The November 5, 2015 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Charlie Biondo and seconded by Sheila Burke.

Director Cipriani's Report:

The "Saturday Night Lights" Flag Football league was able to get the whole program in without any weather cancellations. The league almost doubled in size from last year.

The new Chef In Training Potato Gnocchi class went great, although hard for many to pronounce!

People are still coming in to sign up for the Freshman Basketball program now that the High School try outs are over. This is a pick up league so it is very informal.

The trip to the new Plainridge Park Casino in Massachusetts had mixed reviews. Some people really like it while others did not. It is smaller than the other venues they are accustomed to and not much to do other than the slot machines. On the plus side many participants came home winners.

To accommodate the huge demand, two groups were sent on the Music Cities tour with different dates. This trip included stays in New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. Rave reviews were received from participants and some have already asked if the trip could be run again soon.

New Business:

The new edition of "Recreation Matters" was released on Monday, November 30th.

On-line registration has expanded to now include theater trips and travel trips.

WRBL is underway in four different gyms on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Debbie Cipriani will be meeting with Jeff Hull and Kendra Amaral to discuss the FY2017 Recreation Budget on Tuesday, December 22nd.

Bids were opened on November 2nd for a new trip offering to Iceland. The six days/4 nights trip is scheduled for October 7 – 12, 2016. The trip is already generating excitement among interested travelers.

Discussion/Questions:

Debbie Cipriani represented the Recreation Department at the Welcome to Wilmington Reception held at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Monday, November 30th.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Burns, seconded by Charlie Biondo and the meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Humbly Submitted,

Laurie Robarge