

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 1, 2018**

**Present:**

Members - Charles Biondo, Sheila Burke, Jennifer Crane and Laurie Robarge.

Absent - C. Michael Burns

Also in Attendance - Recreation Director, Karen Campbell and Senior Clerk, Linda Kanter.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

The February 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Jennifer Crane, second by Laurie Robarge.

**Director's Report:**

Karen reviewed the details of the February 2018 Monthly Report.

**Old Business:**

Pickleball – The construction of courts at Town Hall is slated to go forward this year with the cost split between the Town Budget (\$40,000) and the Recreation Revolving Account (\$40,000) pending Town Meeting approval of the Capital Improvement article. Both the upcoming Beginner and Intermediate Recreation classes are full. The popularity, and the intergenerational appeal of this sport, was discussed.

Ice Skating Rink – The Town Manager and Department Heads from Engineering, Planning, DPW and Recreation met to discuss the feasibility of constructing a temporary outdoor Ice Rink. The open field at Rotary Park was identified as the best site recognizing the central location, proximity to the Public Safety Building and the possibility of installing temporary lighting. The Recreation Department has agreed to fund the project at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

**New Business:**

Easter Egg Hunt – This annual event will take place on the Town Common on Saturday, March 31 at 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to spread the filled eggs around the Common for children to gather, and to control the anticipated crowds. Should weather or ground conditions prevent the event from being held outdoors, it will move into the High School Cafeteria. In preparation for the event, volunteers will meet to fill approximately 7,200 plastic eggs.

Field Use Policy – A formal use policy for Aprile Field, Palmer Field, Rotary Park and the Whitefield site has been drafted using the Yentile Use Policy as a template. Members read and discussed the policy, and suggested minor changes. A motion to approve the policy as amended was made by Charles Biondo and seconded by Laurie Robarge. The vote was unanimous.

**Open Discussion:**

The Spring 2018 edition of Recreation Matters was published in early February. This much-anticipated edition is comprised of fourteen pages of spring and summer activities.

Karen will present the 2019 Recreation Department Budget request to the Finance Committee this evening.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Charles Biondo, second by Laurie Robarge.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter  
Senior Clerk  
Recreation Department