

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of March 5, 2015 Meeting**

Members Present: Charlie Biondo, Sheila Burke, Mike Burns, Laurie Robarge and Deborah Cipriani, Director

Members Absent: Mark Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

Director Cipriani's Report:

February 28th began a new session for many youth programs such as Viking Soccer, Kinder Soccer, Sports 101, Pottery Plus and Yoga. We will keep our fingers crossed for good weather. All these programs are being held at the West Intermediate.

Three hundred and forty-three loge tickets were sold to the 11 a.m. performance of the Disney on Ice production of "Frozen". The seats were terrific as they were end loge seats and the characters were skating right towards you.

A full bus was sent to the Opera House to see the new play Motown. The show was very well received and the music was enjoyed by all.

A new day trip to Rhode Island included a lunch at Cassarino's followed by a view of television through the eyes of a live studio audience during a performance of I Love Lucy at the Providence Performing Arts Center. The meal was delicious and luckily the manager worked with Debbie to allow eight participants to dine on the main level so they did not need to deal with a steep set of stairs. The Tour Company did not tell Debbie that the reserved room for the group was upstairs and there was no elevator. Debbie will now know to ask when visiting a new venue.

All basketball programs have ended. Saturday, January 24 was the only Saturday cancelled due to snow. The missed games were made up on February 14.

The "Just Like Gram" Cookie Class was cancelled on February 9 due to snow. The make up date of February 23 was cancelled due to a family emergency of the instructor.

Karen Campbell will be attending the MRPA Conference in Amherst on March 10 – 12 and Debbie will attend on March 10 & 11, 2015.

The next Yentile Farm meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 6 p.m. in room #9 at Town Hall. There is also an Artificial Turf Presentation on March 19th at 6 p.m. in the Banda Rom at the Library.

Debbie Cipriani appeared before the Finance Committee on February 12th to present the Recreation FY 2016 Budget. Several questions were raised regarding Karen Campbell's position which is not in the budget, but funded by program fees.

New Business:

The February/Spring edition of "Recreation Matters" was released on February 20.

Registration for the Playground Program will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Registration for Tiny Tots/Kids Club will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. on the Town Common. As of right now the alternate site is the High School Cafeteria. Debbie is not sure that the logistics with the new cafeteria being smaller will be an issue. If additional space is needed the Middle School was suggested as having the largest cafeteria.

Discussions:

The Recreation Department is looking into some possible Capital Projects as a give back to the residents. A replacement canopy cover for the structure at the Boutwell School has been ordered. A Dog Park is something else that will be looked into for possibly the spring of 2016. There will be many details that will need to be ironed out regarding size, location, rules and jurisdiction.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Biondo at 6:02 p.m. Motion was seconded by Sheila Burke.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge
Commissioner