

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of May 5, 2016 Meeting**

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

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

The April 7, 2016 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Mike Burns and seconded by Charlie Biondo.

Director Cipriani's Report:

A discussion was held regarding the proposed Dog Park Rules and Regulations which have now been divided into a section for DOGS and another for OWNER/KEEPERS. Commissioners have been advised to think of ideas for the ribbon cutting of the park.

Playground registration went well, however it took much longer to sign-up people with the new on-line registration. There are nine spots still available out of the 285 maximum number allowed.

The Rookies program has not had a great start due to the cold and rainy weather. Hopefully, the weather will improve so they may get the rest of the season in.

Cupcake Wars was run for grades 4 – 6 during April vacation. The eligible grades were lowered from the original grades 6 – 8 offered in order for the program to run.

The Sound of Music Theatre trip was very well received. A full bus was sent to the Boston Opera House on April 7 for this terrific play.

A bus with 30 participants went to the Wang Center to see The Wizard of Oz. The group was smaller than usual but those who attended enjoyed the show.

Bernie McNally's 50th Birthday event on April 8 went very well. Bernie was so happy with the outpouring of support and love he received at the party.

The Hawaii pre-trip meeting was held on April 26. Out of 133 registered passengers, all but one couple had someone attend to pick up their packets.

New Business:

The Summer Edition of "Recreation Matters" will be out at the end of May. Still brainstorming for ideas for new day trips.

All bands have been booked for this summer's Concert on the Common series.

Interviews for summer positions at Tiny Tots, Playground and Silver Lake have been ongoing.

A Welcome to Wilmington Reception was held at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Only eighteen people attended which was down significantly from the reception held in the fall. It is believed that the spring is just too busy a time of year for most people.

A fall trip to Las Vegas has been put out to bid.

Discussions:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Burns at 6:31 p.m. Motion was seconded by Laurie Robarge.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge
Commissioner