

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of June 2, 2016 Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

The May 5, 2016 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Charlie Biondo and seconded by Sheila Burke.

**Director Cipriani's Report:**

Letters of hire have been sent out to those being hired for Tiny Tots/Kids Club, Playground and Lifeguard positions.

Some new field trips options have been added for the participants of the Playground Program. New this year, people will be able to register for the field trips online or through the Recreation Department. Registrations will no longer be accepted at the program itself.

The new Bingo Bonanza day trip held at Wright's Chicken Farm Restaurant in Rhode Island was very well received. The all-you-can-eat chicken dinner was delicious and people won assorted gift cards as bingo prizes. A return trip for next year has been requested.

One hundred thirty one travelers attended the Hawaiian Holiday cruise on May 19 – 28. Participants enjoyed beautiful weather during their two night stay on Oahu and throughout the seven-night cruise. People thought the trip escorts, provided by the tour company, could have kept done a better job on coordinating timing and details of the trip. Lack of communication appeared to cause additional issues.

Still River Outfitters was hired to run Paddleboard and Kayak classes but unfortunately they closed their doors after we had classes filled. New vendors have been obtained to run both programs.

The Rules and Regulations for the Dog Park were revised with a few minor changes. The "Unleashing Ceremony" for the Dog Park will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 8:00 a.m.

The vacancy on the Recreation Commission should be filled by the September meeting.

**New Business:**

The Summer Edition of "Recreation Matters" was released on Friday, May 27.

The Annual Fishing Derby will be held this Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. The current weather report is predicting a great day.

New stalls have been ordered for the Bath House at Silver Lake as part of a renovation.

A non-resident sent a letter in opposition of the fees charged to use the beach. Town Manager, Jeff Hull, responded with a very well written, to the point, letter to the non-resident.

The Las Vegas trip has been sent back out for bids again. A new tour company had won the first bid but they imposed a couple restrictions that the Recreation Department and Town were not willing to accept. Paying deposits for airline seats, in advance of the program even being advertised, is not something that had ever needed to be done before. The deposit was non-refundable and could have cost us dearly if the seats didn't sell.

**Discussions:**

The roster for the upcoming Concert on the Common series was distributed to the board.

Mike Burns mentioned that the Rotary Club was interested in running some opening day festivities at Yentile Farm. Suggestions included Shriner's Clowns, face painting, DJ, Sports Jamboree, lunch (hot dogs, chips & drink), Ice Cream Social, and a movie at night on the event green.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Biondo at 6:14 p.m. and was seconded by Sheila Burke.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge  
Commissioner