

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of April 3, 2014 Meeting**

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

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

The March 6, 2014 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Mark Kennedy and seconded by Laurie Robarge.

Director Cipriani's report:

Parents for the new Let's Play Soccer program for ages 3 and 4 year olds were eager to enroll their children in the program. Several of the three year olds had separation issues. It may need to be stipulated that the children must be potty trained as this also appeared to be an issue. The instructors saw a huge difference in the abilities of the 3 & 4 year old class versus the 4 & 5 year olds. The program may need to be adjusted for next year.

Slots for the new BOKS "Build Our Kids' Success" Program at the Shawsheen School filled completely. We have received wonderful feedback regarding this program from parents and students alike.

Students learned several CSI investigative techniques in the Forensic Fun class for children in grades 3 – 5. Fingerprinting, DNA and teeth impressions were just a few of the techniques the group worked on.

The Lego Engineering 101 for students in grades 1 – 5 was well received.

Sales for Boston Bruins tickets were on the low side. The high price of the tickets probably deterred many people.

The trip to Punta Cana went well except that the oceanfront rooms were not on the ocean. Some of the double rooms did not have two double beds but a giant king size bed. Debbie is trying to get some sort of compensation for "oceanfront" room deception.

A public meeting was held on March 29 to view and discuss two options that have been given as possible plans for Yentile Farm. Chairman, Mike Burns attended the meeting and found it very organized and informative.

New Business:

Debbie attended the MRPA Conference held in Sturbridge, MA on March 11 – 13. The big focus was on the importance of training staff members and volunteers. Debbie also received some feedback on bands for summer concerts.

Letters are being sent out soliciting donations /sponsors for the 2014 Concerts on the Common series. All of the bands have been booked for this summer.

Mike Burns would like to serve another term on the Recreation Commission.

Wilmington named top place to own a home in Massachusetts. The Recreation Department was also mentioned in the article.

Beach Rules regarding Silver Lake were reviewed. Some of the rules that have been deemed a policy will not have a fine attached and will most likely not require police notification. The policies will also state "Non-adherence to policies may be subject to loss of beach privileges".

Non-compliance fees for many of the rules were already covered by other Bylaws, Mass General Law or Board of Health Regulations. Some just required a change in wording.

It is recommended that fines be assessed for the following rules:

- No dogs on beaches or Town property adjacent to the water from May 1 – October 1.
- No barbecues or cooking on beaches or Town property adjacent to the water.

Fines were proposed in Warrant Article #35 listing \$100 for the first offense and \$150 for each offence thereafter. Commissioners were also looking for clarification between fines on Warrant Article 35 versus fines already in the Bylaws. It is unclear if the Recreation Commission is to propose a fee or if the fees listed in the article is to remain as written. The Commission was willing to adopt the fees as written in Article #35.

The Commissioners requested that someone check with Legal Council regarding the new fines as it relates to Police Beach Day.

A motion to accept the new Rules and Policies regarding the beach as revised was made by Mark Kennedy and seconded by Mike Burns. The vote was unanimous.

Discussions:

Additional Silver Lake topics discussed included:

- Gates opened and closed by Police daily
- Carry-in & Carry-out of trash
- Problems at Baby Beach & Main Street area
- DPW raking and continue maintenance through Labor Day
- Police presence to be improved
- All persons attending will have their hand stamped
- No season passes
- Doubling price per person from \$5 to \$10 for non-residents

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Biondo at 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mark Kennedy.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge
Commissioner