

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of May 1, 2014 Meeting**

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

**Member Absent:** Mark Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

The April 3, 2014 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Charlie Biondo and seconded by Sheila Burke.

**Director Cipriani's report:**

The Easter Egg Hunt held on April 19 was terrific all around! The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time. This is a true community event held on the Town Common.

The Rookies program filled to capacity. There is a small wait list for those who came in after the registration deadline.

The new BOKS programs (Build Our Kids' Success) being held at the Shawsheen and Boutwell Schools are a great success. This program emphasizes the benefits of exercise and learning. Teachers at the Wildwood and Woburn Street Schools are looking into taking the training program offered by Reebok.

Forty-two tickets were distributed to special needs students and their families to attend a special Shriner's Circus performance on April 25. More tickets had been committed to but were not picked up due to a family emergency.

The trip into the Opera House on April 9 to see the Book of Mormon went well. A couple participants were not aware of the content of the show even though the staff at the Recreation Department advised people when purchasing tickets. Often times one person will come in and sign up a group and the information must not have been passed along.

**New Business:**

Registration for the "Wheels" Micro Sports program for children ages 2 – 5 is going well. An array of bikes, scooters, balance bicycles, games and activities will be provided by the instructors at this new class.

Another meeting regarding the development of Yentile Farm was held on April 15. A group of residents were present to address their concerns and frustrations about the lack of a Pickle Ball court being considered in the project. The Wildwood Tennis Courts

(which would be re-lined for this purpose) were recommended as an alternate site for Pickle Ball games.

Warrant Article #35 will go before town Meeting on Saturday, May 3. If the article passes, Police will have the authority to issue fines to people not following the beach rules regarding no dogs or cooking/barbecues on the beach or Town Property adjacent to Silver Lake.

The 2014 Concerts on the Common bands have all been booked. Donation letters have been sent out for sponsorship for the four Wednesday evening concerts. It has been suggested that flyers be posted around town to remind people about the concerts.

Registration for the Tiny Tots/Kids Club began on Wednesday evening, April 16 from 5 – 7 p.m. We had 125 children registered the first evening. This was up from last year.

Registration for the Playground Program began at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 14. The maximum of 285 students, in grades 2 – 8, filled within 55 minutes. There was a little bit of chaos as people choose to park along Glen Road instead of the Town Hall parking lot. Next year we will have police presence to assist with the large number of people looking to park.

#### **Discussions:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Biondo at 6:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Sheila Burke.

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

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge  
Commissioner