

**Town of Wilmington
Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
September 7, 2023**

Present:

Members – Sares Alambath, Ron Bento, Michael Burns, and Laurie Robarge

Also in Attendance – Recreation Director Brett Sawin, and Senior Clerk, Marilyn Manos

Absent – Jennifer Crane

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes:

The June 1, 2023 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Ron Bento; second by Sares Alambath.

Director's Report:

Brett reviewed the details of the Monthly Report for June, July, and August 2023.

Old Business:

Ice Skating Rink: No updates since December.

New Business:

Summer recap:

Town Beach – We had 16 total lifeguards this year and hope that most return for next summer. The beach was tested each week and was able to stay open all season.

Playground & Tiny Tots/Kids Club – Both programs were full, and everything went well.

Programs – Pickleball, tennis and golf continue to be extremely popular.

Trips – June 3 we had a group of 29 travel to New York City. June 20 had a full bus of 53 off to see the Texas Tenors at Danversport Yacht Club. July 18 was a new trip to Peaks Island in Maine with another full bus. August 9 was our “Buddy and Elvis” Day Trip to the Log Cabin in Holyoke full with 50 travelers.

Concerts – Four great nights of weather and a good turnout from residents each week.

Wilmington's newest food truck, G's Eats on the Streets, and Tony's Ice Cream both provided treats for the crowds and were a hit.

Horribles Parade: The 55th annual Horribles Parade will take place on Sunday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help pass out the candy during the event.

Upcoming Trips: Bally's Twin River Casino Day Trip is next Thursday, September 14. Choctoberfest is in October. Dancing Dream: ABBA Tribute Show in November and Merry Country Christmas in December will both be held at Danversport Yacht Club and are filling fast. Our New York City Day Trip is back for the holidays on Saturday, December 2. Mackinac is our next overnight trip happening in June 2024.

Textron Fields: The town will begin a 99 year lease on January 1, 2024. DPW is figuring out what can be done with the 4 acre site. It holds a baseball/softball field and tennis courts that all require maintenance.

Discussion/Questions:

Since our Encore Day Trip in August was cancelled due to enrollment, Laurie suggested possibly offering it in the winter instead when people may be less busy and looking to get out more.

Saresh shared the update for Cricket Club. The appropriate mat has been purchased for the Glen Road field site. The DPW has worked with them to pick a spot on the field and agreed to cut the grass shorter in that area.

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Saresh Alambath; second by Michael Burns.

Marilyn Manos
Senior Clerk, Recreation