

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 5, 2019**

**Present:**

Members – Charles Biondo, Sheila Burke, Michael Burns, and Laurie Robarge

Absent – Jennifer Crane

Also in Attendance - Recreation Director, Karen Campbell, Senior Clerk, Linda Kanter, Robert Hayes, Matthew Cayer and George Cayer.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

The June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Motion by Charles Biondo; second by Laurie Robarge.

**Director's Report:**

Karen Campbell reviewed the details of the June, July and August Monthly Reports.

**Old Business:**

Murray Hill Playground: Equipment is now in place; landscaping to follow.

Ice Rink: The Rink Committee met in July and will meet again in September. To date, no location has been identified that meets the projected site requirements. The committee is investigating funding scenarios that would minimize or alleviate costs to the Town. Scheduling impact from the sale of the Ristuccia rink on local groups is as of yet unclear.

**New Business:**

Yentile Net: Netting has been installed to prevent balls from leaving the turf field and entering the travel lanes on Main Street.

Town Beach: Town Beach opened for the season on Saturday, June 8. Significantly more lifeguards were hired this year, and staffing issues were kept to a minimum. The beach was closed on July 31 due to high bacteria levels, and remained closed until August 16.

Splash Pad: Residents Matthew Cayer and Lauren Nieuweboer have approached the Town about the possibility of creating a Splash Pad in Wilmington. They are considering leading a fundraising campaign to cover the costs of the project. Initial discussions between various Town Departments about the feasibility, site constraints, along with construction and maintenance costs have taken place. At this time a suitable location has not been identified.

Open Space and Recreation Committee: Karen has been appointed to the committee.

**Discussion/Questions:**

Commissioners commented on the growth of Pickleball in town.

Commissioners discussed the Facilities Master Plan and needs among various sectors of the community.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Motion by Laurie Robarge; second by Charles Biondo.

Submitted by:

Linda Kanter  
Senior Clerk, Recreation Department