

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
11/17/16

Present: Cindy Hayford, Karen Molina, Randy Knaggs

I. Discussed the need to clarify the role of the Wilmington Recreation Commission. What is our “charge” from the town?

II. Discussed the need to support adult recreation in Wilmington. Similar to what we used to do with the Adult Soccer League. We recommend sponsoring Adult Volleyball, Indoor Soccer and Pickleball. These programs would be promoted and implemented at no cost to the town. They would be covered under the town liability insurance.

III. Review of Elementary Summer Recreation Program-Celebrate Summer:

- Attendance numbers for this year’s program were reviewed. The attendance for the elementary program was excellent with 70 total students and 6224 program hours. (35 students were from Wilmington). Enrollment increased each week from 32 to 42 to 46 to 50 in the final week.
- Reviewed the budget for the program and determined that Wings had not paid the student counselor minimum wage. We all agreed that this is not acceptable. We recommend that counselors be paid at least minimum wage next year. We need to raise to budget for MS Counselors to \$3,200 to achieve this. (\$10 per hour for 40 hours X 4 weeks X 2 counselors)

IV. Review of the Middle School Summer Recreation Program:

- Attendance was lower than previous years. The lowest day was 1 and the highest day was 11. One reason may be the current 9th graders aging out of the program. They were a very active, enthusiastic group for 3 years and were a draw for others attending the program. . A total of 25 total students attended through the 5 weeks.
- We need a strategy to recruit more students for next summer. Possible collaborate with Wings? Offer full-day options for weeks 2 and 4 as a pilot? We will discuss at a later date.
- We recommend hiring two counselors only for FY17.

V. The town report is due. Karen will write it and send to Jessica.

VI. Next Meeting: Please go into the Doodle Link for scheduling the next meeting.

<http://doodle.com/poll/nfm2qbzt8spkrexz>

Submitted by Cindy Hayford

11/18/16