

8/12/24 Wilmington Recreation Commission (WRC) Meeting Minutes, taken by Jason Hartnett.

Attendees

Sara Molina (SM)
Samantha Kondracki (SK)
Jason Hartnett (JH)
Emily Beeman (EB)

Guests

Vince Rice
Meg Streeter

Call to Order - 6:05 by SM

1. **Agenda additions or deletions** – *Motion to add approval of minutes from 6/10/24, by SK, seconded JH, all in favor.*
2. **Approval of minutes from 6/10/24** – *Motion to approve as written, by JH second by SK, all in favor.*
3. **Hearing of visitor Meg Streeter (representative from Wilmington Works)**–
Meg described Wilmington Works' excitement and willingness to help the WRC in reaching its goals to further expand and serve the community. Meg reminded the WRC that the Economic Development Board is part of the Wilmington Works, and has some resources available to help, such as a grant writer. Some quickly brainstormed ideas were: E-bikes, swimming lessons, additional recreational spaces. Also discussed, how to get the voice of the community. Possibly through questionnaires, perhaps with the DVCP.
4. **WRC Treasurer** –
SK expressed her interest in the role which has been vacant. Nomination of SK to the role of Treasurer, motion by JH, seconded by EB, all in favor. SK is now appointed to the position of Treasurer.
5. **Budget** –
Discussion included reflecting on Summer Camp spending, including the overspending of the payroll line. The relevant budget lines for 2025 will be increased accordingly. Regarding previously earmarked \$634.00 for tetherball, this will be tabled until further discussions regarding Buzzy Town renovations/playground are put on an agenda.
6. **Summer Camp debrief** –
Families of campers were surveyed, and all returned very favorable comments. Among WRC, there is a desire to increase camp offerings and therefore expand the enrollment. There was a total of 36 campers enrolled, with a maximum of 22 campers at once in a given day. Question posed; do we want to increase the number of days of camp for 2025? How do we continue to improve the program to further benefit our community.
7. **Community activities** –
Wilmington Selectboard has inquired regarding the WRC's willingness to oversee the use of Howe Field for organized activities, moving forward. This could include sports events, trainings, communal space. Motion to manage the use of Howe Field and the adult kickball program at Buzzy Town, by JH, seconded SK, all in favor. Upcoming activities are the Mark Dooley 5K, and the Valley Pilgrimage.
8. **New Business** –
Discussed the Wilmington town website, WRC page and what should be on it. It was agreed that the page should be kept simple, as the WRC Facebook page is already managed by SK and has followers. The webpage will include the WRC email address, the Facebook link, the WRC logo, and live calendar of events. Next meeting will be 9/9/24.

Motion to Adjourn – 7:25pm, moved by JH, second by SM, all in favor.