

# WELLESLEY RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2016

5 pm at the Warren Building

## Attending:

Steve Burt, Matthew McKay, Andy Wrobel, Tripp Sheehan, Brandon Fitts & Matt Chin

## Guest:

Karen Mondell and Peter Johanson from Wellesley Friendly Aid

## WFA discussion:

Discussion regarding concerns about kids not being able to come to camp that are above or below the poverty level.

WFA cannot meet the \$44,000 assistance need based on a projected need of \$88,000

- In past, WFA does 3:1 (2 weeks vs. 6 weeks).

Rec. Dept. determines scholarship rates:

2013 \$15,900 – 33 kids.

2014 \$18,700 – 26 kids.

2015 \$27,600 – 38 kids.

2016 Goal is \$33,000 (WFA hopes Rec. will not exclude scholarship kids).

## Issues:

Use camp as daycare or do we give some?

Bad money year for Rec. Dept.

Philosophical issue.

Turn back is a huge issue – why not scholar shipped?

Do not want to say no to kids, but we are means constrained.

Better fundraising efforts for scholarships.

Rec. should not be used as a cash cow.

CIT camper should write a letter about this issue.

Would consider vetting kids for school year programs.

**Motion:** By Tripp Sheehan to go to Executive Session.

**Seconded:** Matthew McKay.

**Vote:** All Commissioners in attendance in favor.

## General Discussion – Programs

### Projected Enrollment and Surplus:

\$26,000 for FY16

- Need to explain why.
- Compare to last year.
- Monthly updates.

### Sponsorships Status

Balance is \$14,850.

### MOPO Swim

Pushed to end of July – covered by Wellesley Bank  
Camp fundraiser?

### Afterschool Programming

Currently at Fiske, working with Bates for April and June Sessions,  
and Sprague.

### Private Summer Camps 2016

Booked.

### Associate Director Hire

Chad Norton accepted, begins 3/1/16.

### Recreation Director Vacation

Will use two weeks, carry two weeks forward.

## General Discussion – Fields

Field Committee is good. 936 people have donated over \$1 million.

PFTF – Finally will Rec. get paid for helping managing fields?

Registration fee for Rec.?

Steve offered to serve as CPC after his term ends.

**Motion:** By Andy Wrobel to Adjourn.

**Seconded:** Tripp Sheehan.

**Vote:** All in attendance in favor.

## Next Commission meeting:

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the Warren Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Chin, Director of Recreation

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