

**MEMBERS:**

Julie LaRue, Chairman  
Tim Thompson  
Regina Sousa-absent  
David Allen-absent  
Bryan Meck-absent

*Also present:* Mark Cain, Recreation Director

The meeting began at 6:35 PM.

**MINUTES:**

The February 27, 2024 minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.  
The April 23, 2024 minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.  
The June 11, 2024 minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Cain said that the last day of the summer recreation program was on August 9, 2024. There were five parks in use and averaged about 250 children daily. Mr. Cain said that it was a very successful year.

The field trips were attended by about 180 children. The trips consisted of bowling, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Wickham Farms, and an obstacle course and water slide brought to the parks. Mr. Cain said that next year they will have to plan a longer time at Wickham Farms.

Mr. Cain said that they do need to get staff to interact with the children more such as playing games.

**BUDGET:**

Mr. Cain said that he has submitted the recreation budget for next year. Mr. Cain said that he increased the summer employees wage by a dollar to stay complete with other towns. Mr. Cain said that the cost of the field trips did increase.

The members discussed raising the cost of the summer program next year by about 7%.  
The cost will be increase from \$195.00 to \$210.00 for the six weeks.  
The cost for a family of 3 or more will increase to \$510.00 for the six weeks.

**BALL FIELD:**

Mr. Cain said that the ball field usage letters went out for teams to sign up. Mr., Cain said that he has heard from soccer, baseball, and lacrosse.

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS:**

The trunk or treat celebration will be held on October 26, 2024 from 11:00-2:00.  
The Christmas celebration will be held on December 6, 2024 from 6:00-7:30.

**RECREATION AND PARK MASTER PLAN:**

Ms. LaRue updated the members on the Park and Recreation Master Plan update committee. The town of Farmington has put together a Master Plan Update Committee to assist with an update to the Park & Recreation Master Plan. The committee's role is to provide guidance to the planning consultants, review materials, and help build awareness of the plan update within the Farmington Community. The first meeting was held on July 1, 2024. The group discussed a community survey about the town's park facilities and recreation programs. The committee also reviewed the goals and action items from the current version of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan which was completed in 2017. Some of the ideas would be an inclusion play ground, a 12 month indoor recreation facility to be used for walking, pickle ball, equipment rentals, dog park, and frisbee disk golf. The committee would like to adopt the Park and Recreation Master Plan in March 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The next meeting will be held on **SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 AT 6:30 PM.**

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.