

**Wallingford Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Meeting Minutes November 4, 2009

**Recreation Commission Members Present:**

Dave Gelo, Linda Mercuri, Phylis Murray, Roz Gallagher

**Recreation Department Staff Present:**

Director of Recreation John Gawlak, Michelle Bjorkman Supt. of Programs

**Recording Secretary:** Joanne Vass

**Opening Remarks:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

**Minutes:**

Linda asked for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as is. Dave Gelo made the motion which was seconded by Phylis Murray.

**Old/Current Business:**

A discussion ensued regarding bench dedications. John said a program will be set up. He mentioned the dedication to Maynard Parker to follow this meeting. The bench will be installed at Doolittle Park. After Doolittle is complete, it was suggested to move on to other parks, perhaps starting with Harrison with the park bench program.

**Director's Report: John Gawlak (refer to copy attached) Additional comments:**

1. Activate America: The YMCA's, Parks and Recreation, and other groups are getting together to form a coalition to set policies and support for children to combat childhood obesity. Wallingford has been selected as one of 16 YMCA's among 3 states to participate.
2. Community Lake Car Top Boat Ramp project: Mark Cummings recently indicated that the USDA grant request was approved. The design and project plan will move rapidly now with the funding. We will be getting a report soon.
3. Recreation Dept. outside planters: Dave Gelo will drill holes in the planters within the next few days for proper drainage. He stated that crushed stone is needed to be layered on the bottom. Michelle and Linda will get the crushed stone.
4. Commissioner Replacement: The replacement for Maynard Parker on the Recreation Commission is still open for proposals. Please forward the names of any interested parties to the Mayor.
5. Lil Recers Preschool Program: Certification is complete. We are awaiting receipt of certification through the mail. We have dispatched a letter to all parents regarding the one reported flu case that was reported to us. There were no relevant issues.
6. Harrison Park Veterans Tree Plaques: The Dedication will take place this Sunday, November 8 at 1:00PM. Michelle drew up an informative brochure with the schedule of events for the day and also forwarded a copy to the Record Journal. She will follow up with Samaya to insure publicity before Sunday. It was also highlighted on Government TV and Michelle also notified the Peoples Press earlier in the month.

**New Business:**

Gathering to Honor Maynard will be held immediately following the meeting tonight.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Department, 6 Fairfield Blvd., Wallingford, CT.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Mercuri and seconded by Dave Gelo.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary

