

TOWN OF NEW LONDON
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

PRESENT: Lyndsay Lund, Casey Biuso, Laura Lorio, Janet Kidder and Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

The Minutes of August 4, 2015 were approved.

Scott noted various events that have been scheduled throughout the fall. A full schedule starts with Touch a Truck and concludes with the Haunted Halloween Walk on October 31st.

The Bucklin family has donated a Sunfish sailboat to the Recreation Department. Scott reported that the boat is in great shape, having been housed in the Bucklin Boat House.

The beaches have been closed for the season (no life guard on duty). The bathrooms will be open 24 hours a day till Columbus Day. There has not been any vandalism at either bathroom facility (Elkins and Bucklin). The police department will continue to monitor the bathrooms until they are closed.

The renovation of the Elkins bathroom will start soon. Matt Grimes (Facilities Manager) will oversee the renovation. The bathrooms will be gutted, and new toilets, sinks, counter tops, lighting, etc. will be installed, creating an ADA-acceptable bathroom. Miller Plumbing and Heating will perform the plumbing work.

Scott will look into an automatic locking system per Lyndsay's suggestion.

Even though hours had been reduced, Scott pointed out that the staff budget was overspent by \$3000.00 for a total of \$45,000.00. This was due to the fact that there were no beach closings because of rain, and no cancellation of swim lessons. All agreed that with sunny, hot weather, it would have been unwise to close the beaches. Scott will increase his budget request for staff for the 2017 budget. The 2017 budget will also include a request for \$12,500.00 for docks and money dedicated to the future purchase of a van (this money will be placed in the capital reserve fund).

Scott is working on a plan for erosion control and beautification of Bucklin Beach. A discussion followed on whether it was necessary to add playground equipment at the beaches.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Kidder