

DEEP RIVER PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 14, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

Nancy Talbot called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:43 pm on, September 14, 2009 at DaVinci's Pizzeria (due to floor refinishing the meeting place was changed – a sign was placed on the door so as to not miss anyone). Those *members* present were: Miriam Morrissey, Nancy Talbot, David Berardis, Karen West, Grace Petroka, Carol Jones, and Janice Kmetz . Those members absent were: Dan Peterson, Kelley Lacoske, Stacy LaCasse, Dave Talbot, Missy Massey, Tracy Woodcock, Anna Pollock, Mike Grabowski, Veronica Cruz, Pete Woodcock Sr., and Tiger Marion.

Audience of Citizens: None

Secretary's Report: No Report (Delayed)

Treasurer's Report: No copies of treasurer's report available to all. Report will be emailed with minutes and approved at next meeting.

Carnival: The dates for the carnival pending approval from Fred at Savin Rock Amusements are April 30, May 1 & May 2.

Summer Concerts: No Report

Summer Program: No Report

5K Run: The race was a success. We had a few more runners than last year, even with the absence of the large group of runners from Wesleyan. The earlier advertising and advertising in more places, seems to have worked. It was suggested that more signage be put up next year. People seemed to have trouble in the dock area and in the area of the 4 way intersection in the center of town. Balloons on the signs would possible bring more attention to them. All information will be passed on to next year's event chair.

Deep River Day and Fireworks: All 250 glow sticks sold out at the fireworks. Next year, we should buy the glow sticks that already have strings attached (using the cut ribbon was a little difficult). It should be possible to buy them with strings for under \$1.00. There was a discussion of a few complaints about the music being too loud while the fireworks were being shot off. We will ask Allen to turn the music down a little during the fireworks show.

Movies on the Beach: The final movies on the beach was very well attended. There was a discussion about only doing 2 next year one on the last weekend before school gets out and one on the night before family day. This information will be passed on to the chair of that event for next year.

Plattwood Park: Janice got some information regarding a skate park in Griswold and has decided that ID cards are the best idea to keep a handle on what is going on there. The cards will be a great tool to build a database of who is using the park and who might be using it in the wrong manner. She also stated that in the future they will be looking at some form of security system. A few different options are available.

Devitt Field: Grace and Carol discussed removing the soda from the shed (since it freezing would make a huge mess) and bringing it to the basement of the Town Hall.

Town Dock: Some gentlemen from town have repaired the docks with the proper hinges. A thank you letter will be sent.

Brockway Ferry: No Report

Easter Egg Hunt: No Report

Fishing Derby: No Report

Halloween Party: The Halloween parade will begin line up at the upper left corner of Adam's parking lot at around 6:00 pm. The parade will kick off at 6:25 being led this year by Meg Griffin. Mad Science will do a ½ hour program for entertainment. Goody bags will be given out as the children leave the show. It has been decided that no food will be served. The popcorn and cider made a very large mess last year and since no food is supposed to be in that area, it is a better idea not to have food at all. Carol will get some water out of the shed at Devitts and have that available.

Holiday Stroll: No Report

Basketball Program: Registration forms for the grades 1-6 program are out to the kids. The cost went up this year from \$25.00 to \$35.00. This will offset the increased janitorial fees for weekend use of the school. The intention was to expand the 7th and 8th grade program to include 9th and 10th but there are problems with securing gymnasium time. We used Incarnation Center last year but Dave is having trouble contacting Peter Larum (Director at Incarnation). He will continue to try. There was also a discussion about having to pay constables for nights where the Junior High is used and Dave has talked to Bruce Glowac (Facilities Manager for Region 4) and he had agreed that we can use parents as hall monitors rather than paying the constables.

Bus Trips: No Report

Membership: Nancy Talbot announced the resignation of Stacy LaCasse from the commission. We will await a written statement of resignation. With Stacy's resignation the commission now has 2 openings.

Other old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

A motion was made by Miriam Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. The motion was seconded by Dave Berardis and carried. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at The Deep River Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Talbot
Recording Secretary

Agenda for November 11, 2009

1. Called to Order
2. Audience of Citizens
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Old Business
 - a) Summer Concerts
 - b) Carnival
 - c) Summer Program
 - d) 5K Run
 - e) Deep River Day and Fireworks
 - f) Movies on the Beach
 - g) Plattwood Park
 - h) Devitt's Field
 - i) Town Dock
 - j) Brockway Ferry
 - k) Easter Egg Hunt
 - l) Fishing Derby
 - m) Halloween Party
 - n) Holiday Stroll
 - o) Basketball Program
 - p) Bus Trips
 - q) Membership
 - r) Other Old Business
6. New Business and/or New Programs