

DEEP RIVER PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

July 14, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

Nancy Talbot called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:33 pm on, July 14, 2010 at the Town Hall.

Those *members* present were: Miriam Morrissey, Nancy Talbot, Janice Kmetz, Kelley Lacoske, Stacy LaCasse, David Berardis, Dan Peterson and Grace Petroka. Those members absent were: Karen West, Mark Grabowski, Dave Talbot, Carol Jones, Missy Massey and Pete Woodcock Sr.

Audience of Citizens: Richard Smith

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Janice Kmetz to accept the minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2010. The motion was seconded by David Berardis and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Janice Kmetz to accept the Treasurers Report the motion was seconded by Stacy LaCasse and carried unanimously.

Summer Concerts: Summer Concerts are going well and seem to be very well attended this year. There have been no rainouts as of yet so no dates have had to be rescheduled.

Carnival: Income expense reports were handed out for the 2009 and 2010 carnivals. These show the actual profit made for each year. They are as follows: 2009 - \$2252.97, 2010 - \$2948.36. Dick Smith will give these figures to the Board of Finance and the money will be returned to a line item in our budget.

Summer Program: The summer program is going well. At the start of the program, we were in a deficit situation but with additional registrations the program is now in the black.

5K Run: It was brought to the commission's attention that Chick Phillips, the long time timer for the 5K Run has passed away. Janice will get in contact with his wife at some point and see if she has contact information for whomever might be taking over for him. Dave Berardis suggested that if no one is taking over the business, we should inquire into buying the equipment from her.

Fireworks: Nancy has been in contact with the Fireworks guy and he will be coming to Deep River soon to walk the Haynes property to see if maybe there is a better place to set them off that may increase the visibility of the lower firing fireworks. If there is not an alternate spot, it was requested that less of the lower fireworks be used and be replaced with the higher shooting kind. Whelen has been contacted regarding their yearly donation and they are onboard again for this year. Haynes is also again interested in donating. Dick Smith said that he would contact some of the larger businesses in town to try to get some additional donations. Allen Alonzo, the DJ, had been booked for that day and we have already received the check from the Lions Club who sponsors the DJ each year.

Movies on the Beach: There was an extensive discussion on the cost of the movies, versus the number of people who attend. The movie shown on the Friday before Family Day is always very well attended. The conclusion of the discussion is that we will continue to show the movie on that Friday before Family Day and will look into doing 2 -3 movies in the winter months. Possibly showing a Holiday themed movie in December and then 1-2 more in January or February. We would be able to use the Auditorium for these movies.

Plattwood Park : Dick Smith came to the meeting to discuss what is going on out at Plattwood Park. Conduit has been put in for new lights that will be over by the basketball court and skatepark and all along the entrance to the park. They are waiting to be able to get lights that are the same as all of the new lights that are in the center of town. Dick Smith stated that there have been many requests of projects that town's people would like to see done at the park. Some of the suggestions were baseball fields, a walking track, tennis courts and horseshoes. He stated that the most requested was a splash pad. He is going ahead with constructing a splash pad and that most of the work can be done by the Town Crew. This project will be funded from the Capital Improvements Account and will not be taken out of the Park and Rec's Plattwood Maintenance Fund.

There was a discussion regarding the skatepark and whether we should charge non-residents to use it. Dick Smith said that the Town Attorney, Jane Marsh, recommended that we do not charge anyone to use the park. There was then a discussion regarding ID cards and a sign in program for when gate guards are on duty. Janice has volunteered to be the Plattwood Park Chairperson and she will work with Dick Smith (who does all the hiring of the gate guards) to come up with a suggested plan. The plan will be presented at a future meeting and will be implemented at the start of next season. It was suggested that starting any program in the middle of the season may not work well.

The Park and Rec Commission received a letter from a town resident requesting that smoking be banned at Plattwood Park. After much discussion, it was agreed that smoking will no longer be allowed on the beach area of the park. Dick Smith will work on getting signs made the say "NO SMOKING ON THE BEACH".

Devitt Field: Grace informed us that she will be meeting with Joe soon after the muster to begin the claying of the fields. It was also brought up that there was an issue with the bases being changed when Men's Softball and Little League are both playing on the same field. We will mention to Joe Kuzaro regarding this and next year will have to be more aware if the Little League games run later into the season.

Town Dock: Missy sent an email asking that the brush pile that has accumulated at the dock be removed. Dick Smith took note of this request.

Brockway Ferry: Janice mentioned that the area needs to be brushed again and the parking spaces need to be redefined.

Easter Egg Hunt: No Report

Fishing Derby: No Report

Halloween Party: Dick Smith would like to do a haunted house like thing in the basement of the Town Hall. This will be passed on to the Halloween Party Committee.

Holiday Stroll: No Report

Basketball Program: The Basketball Program Committee expressed an interest in purchasing a scoreboard to be mounted in the gym of the Elementary School. The current scoreboard that they use is a very small sandwich board type. It was suggested that funds from the profits of the Carnival be used to purchase this scoreboard. There was some discussion regarding the spending of this money and what would be an appropriate use. At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made by Janice Kmetz to purchase the score board for the amount of \$1854.00. The motion was seconded by Dave Berardis and hearing no further discussion was passes unanimously. Nancy will call the company and find out if they will accept a PO etc.

Bus Trips: The bus trip to Fenway Park was great. The trip ended up selling out. Just a note that even though the trip actually took place in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the trip was a wash in the 2009-2010 fiscal year under the Self-Funding Line.

Membership: No Report

Other Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

There being no further business, a motion was made by Janice Kmetz to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. The motion was seconded by Stacy LaCasse and unanimously carried. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at The Deep River Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Talbot
Recording Secretary

Agenda for August 11, 2010

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