



# TOWN of DEEP RIVER

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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Chairperson, Janice Kmetz, called the meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:32pm on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Members present were Janice Kmetz, Miriam Morrissey, Cathy Smith, Carol Jones, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Sarah Kateley, Dave Berardis, and Jason Mercer. Those members absent were: Grace Petroka, Kelly Lacoske, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tullledge, and Peter Woodcock.

***Audience of Citizens-*** Karen Hart, with Imperial Shows presented an offer to contract/host the carnival at Devitt Field. Elizabeth Salemi, represents the Deep River PTO and had requested use of the skateboard park at Plattwood Park for an after school enrichment program. Mark Grabowski had questions regarding Devitt Field and little league and football.

***Secretary's Report-*** The motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Morrissey, and seconded by Massey, and the motion was passed.

***Treasurer's Report-*** The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jones, and seconded by Kateley, and the motion was passed.

### ***Old Business-***

- a. Summer Concerts: There will be a total of eight bands, and Morrissey will be meeting with committees to schedule events.
- b. Carnival: A motion was made by Morrissey, and seconded by Cathy Smith, to have the carnival on June 16, 2011-June 19, 2011 and the motion was passed. The Commission will contract with Imperial Shows for the carnival at Devitt Field. Massey will head the committee for the carnival with Kateley, and Morrissey.
- c. Summer Program: The new summer director for the Commission is Kim Fair, and Robin Whaley is the new assistant director.
- d. 5K Run: Nothing new to report.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: Family Day/Fireworks will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011.



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- f. Movies: The movie provider, Swank, sent a new catalog of movies to choose from.
- g. Plattwood Park: The town is finishing the curbing, lighting for the basketball court, and shrubbery. The splash pad project is moving forward.
- h. Devitt Field: Three bids have been received regarding the new fence. The Commission is hoping to have this done prior to baseball opening day which is on or about April 30, 2011.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: There are currently no docks in because the water in the CT River is too high. On April 30, 2011 at 9:00am the town landing/dock will be cleaned up, everyone must bring supplies. Massey brought up the issue of the flower pots either being used or discarded due to the poor condition of the pots. If flowers are planted, the job of watering them will be given to the gate guard this summer. There was discussion of having the Mount Saint John kids help with the cleaning and watering of the flowers.
- j. Brockway Ferry: The gravel and dirt will be replaced to facilitate the original parking spaces.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: The hunt will take place on April 16, 2011, at 2:00pm. Kateley is going to BJ's for the supplies. Michelle Roycey is the bunny. One person is needed to run each age group, possibly more for the younger children. Six to Seven people will be needed to lay the eggs out on the field. The egg stuffing will be on April 5, 2011 at Kateley's house. Kateley will also call Peter Woodcock about the possibility of having the bunny arrive to the field on the fire truck.
- l. Fishing Derby: The derby will be held on May 7, 2011 from 7:30am-9:30am, with the people attending registering from 7:00am-7:30am. The derby is for children ages 5-16.
- m. Halloween: Nothing to report.
- n. Holiday Stroll: The stroll will take place on Friday, December 2, 2011. The deposit was given to secure the horses.
- o. Basketball: Running great, very successful.
- p. Bus Trips: Nothing to report.



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- q. Membership: Jason Mercer and Cathy Smith are new members. There are still vacancies and the commission welcomes new members.
- r. Fundraising: Kevin Crosby is looking into the possibility of a golf tournament.
- s. Other Old Business: The Parks and Recreation Director's position is available. The deadline for receiving applications is March 18, 2011. The position is advertised as part-time (15 hours) a week.

### ***New Business/Programs***

- a. Maggie Downy of [www.personaleuphoria.com](http://www.personaleuphoria.com) wants to run a Pilates class on Mondays or Wednesdays for an hour from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The class would be held in either the Town Hall auditorium or the library community room. There would need to be a minimum of eight people and a maximum of fifteen people. All that the people in the class would need to bring is a yoga mat. There can be more talk about moving forward with this once there is a new Director that is hired.
- b. Jones brought a sample copy of the new Parks and Recreation brochure for all of our 2011 programs. The brochures will be kept around town in the stores and town hall, as well as being on the website and possibly being sent home with students. The Merchants Association has showed interest in coordinating joint events with the Commissions events.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7:30pm.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Morrissey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Burton, Secretary pro-tem