



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 7:37pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. Members present were Janice Kmetz, Miriam Morrissey, Carol Jones, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Sarah Kateley, Dave Berardis, Grace Petroka, Kelly Lacoske, Kevin Crosby, and Jason Mercer. Those members absent were: Cathy Smith, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tulledge, and Peter Woodcock.

Audience of Citizens- Kim Fair, the new summer director for the parks and recreation commission attended the meeting to introduce herself to the committee.

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

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

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: All of the bands are currently booked and Morrissey is waiting for one more band (Blue's on the Rocks) to respond. Massey is going to be talking to all of the food vendors to coordinate the selling of the food with the bands. Stacey Lacast is interested in sponsoring a band. Sponsors for the summer concerts can donate to cover the entire or partial cost of the band.
- b. Carnival: The contract has been signed with Imperial Shows for the carnival at Devitt Field Thursday, June 16, 2011 through Sunday, June 19, 2011. Massey talked about possibly focusing on Thursday night as being an "older kids night" with students getting a \$5.00 discount on wristbands. A VRHS high school band has been booked for that evening. Wristbands are available all four days. Massey also talked about other possible wristband discounts, i.e. DRES voucher for a \$5.00 discount, and on Saturday (Father's Day), Fathers get discounts, and possible Deep River resident discounts. Booths at the carnival will not be available to business, only non-profit organizations



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- c. Summer Program: Registration forms have gone out to the residents of Deep River and registration is currently open. The summer program will be held Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm and is \$35.00 a week. Afternoon workshops will be available this year Monday-Thursday from 12pm-2:30pm following the normal summer program. Workshops are age appropriate with some grade restrictions. They workshops will be \$45.00 per week.
- d. 5K Run: The date has been set for September 17, 2011. Crosby is working on getting the t-shirts and flyers done, as well as any sponsors. Squared Circle Studio has showed an interest in being a sponsor for the 5K run. Advertising for the run will be in the Deep River News. All of the information must be in to the magazine by the deadline of May 20, 2011.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: Family Day/Fireworks will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011. The commission needs to raise \$12,000 for the fireworks and DJ. The Deep River Merchants do the carnival at the school and everything is coming together on target.
- f. Movies: There will be three movies held this year. Possible dates that are being discussed are September 16, 2011 (the night before family day), and one in early October with a possible bon-fire.
- g. Plattwood Park: The outdoor lighting for the basketball and skateboard park will be finished within the next three weeks. The lighting will be on a timer that will be locked. The mulching and planting has been finished.
- h. Devitt Field: There is a list of items that need to be fixed that will be addressed within the next two weeks – one month.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: On April 30, 2011 at 9:00am the town landing/dock will be cleaned up, everyone must bring supplies. All of the buckets have been removed along with the shack by the guard station. A tree will be planted in honor of deceased resident Nick Ramcke.
- j. Brockway Ferry: The town crew is maintaining the grounds and keeping the growth down.



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- k. Easter Egg Hunt: The hunt will take place on April 16, 2011, at 2:00pm. Michelle Roise is the bunny and will be arriving on the fire truck at 2:00pm. Massey, Morrissey, Smith, and Kateley will be spreading the eggs. All of the baskets are done as well as all of the eggs are stuffed. Tracy Woodcock is the announcer.
- l. Fishing Derby: The fish are ordered and they will be delivered on May 5, 2011.
- m. Halloween: Dean Griffen will be doing the haunted house.
- n. Holiday Stroll: Nothing to report.
- o. Basketball: The season is over, nothing new to report.
- p. Bus Trips: Nothing to report.
- q. Membership: There are still vacancies and the commission welcomes new members.
- r. Fundraising: Kevin Crosby talked about the possible golf tournament. It will be held at the nine-hole golf course in Deep River. It would consist of 36 people (nine foursomes at each hole) charging around \$15.00-\$20.00 a person. A date still has to be confirmed.
- s. Other Old Business: The Parks and Recreation Director's position is available. Seventeen people applied for the job. Interviews will be conducted shortly and the new director will hopefully be hired in May.

New Business/Programs

- a. The Deep River Merchants are interested in doing more events in conjunction with the commissions. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 9:00am at El and Ela's. Janice will be attending the meeting.
- b. The commission would like to have all of its upcoming summer events listed in the "Summer on the Shoreline" events booklet. The booklet contains all area events happening from June 15, 2011 through September 2011.
- c. The target project for the proceeds from the carnival and 5K run will be designated for a new playscape at Devitt Field. The motion was made by Massey and was seconded by Morrissey and passed.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:30pm.



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A motion was made by Morrissey and seconded by Petroka, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm.
The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Burton, Secretary pro-tem