



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, June 8, 2011. Members present were Janice Kmetz, Miriam Morrissey, Carol Jones, Cathy Smith, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Grace Petroka, Kelly Lacoske, Kevin Crosby, and Jason Mercer. Those members absent were: Sarah Kateley, Dave Berardis, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tullidge, and Peter Woodcock.

Audience of Citizens- Don Sampson was inquiring about the possibility of a blue grass band at the summer concerts. He was told that the committee had not chosen a blue grass band for this year, but will be considered for the summer of 2012. He was also informed about sponsoring bands which allows more bands to be booked for the summer concerts.

Secretary's Report- The motion to accept the secretary's report was made by Smith, 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 Crosby, and the motion was passed.

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: Posters are around town showing which bands are playing and when. The first concert is June 30, 2011. The schedule will be on the website soon.
- b. Carnival: The carnival at Devitt Field is Thursday, June 16, 2011 through Sunday, June 19, 2011. Posters are being hung around town and more volunteers are needed to pass out more around area towns. Tickets are currently available to purchase for pre-sale wristbands. The pre-sale wristbands are \$40.00 for the entire length of the carnival. Wristbands will be available for purchase all days of the carnival. Thursday, Friday, and Sunday will be \$20.00, with Thursday having a \$5.00 discount for VRHS students, and Sunday having a discount of \$5.00 for Dads on Father's Day. Saturday's wristband price will be \$30.00. Massey talked about the need for more trash cans and a dumpster for the event. There is a sign-up sheet for shifts (mostly 5 hours) for selling tickets at the



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carnival. The Lions Club and DRES PTO are selling water at a booth. The Fire Marshall and Building Department will be meeting with the State of CT for permits on June 16, 2011 at 9:00am at Devitt Field.

- c. Summer Program: There are currently openings in all sessions. There will be advertising to other towns and anyone attending the program from a town other than Deep River will be charged and extra \$10.00 a week. The counselor handbooks are almost complete.
- d. 5K Run: Moving forward with organization. There are currently some sponsors in place. There will be a \$5.00 fun run for children and that money will go towards a new playscape at Devitt Field. Crosby, Smith, and Kmetz will be meeting on Wednesday June 29, 2011 at 7:00 pm. An email will go out regarding the meeting and if other members are interested in meeting, they can respond and are welcome to attend.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: Family Day/Fireworks will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011. The contract has been signed with the fireworks company. The Lions Club has donated \$350.00 for the D.J. for that evening.
- 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, as well as one in the winter. The movies still have to be selected.
- g. Plattwood Park: Basketball lights are finished and will be used on Friday and Saturday nights with the lights turned off at 10pm. There is a possibility of the lights being on during weeknights during the summer. The Deep River town police will be turning the lights on and off. The security cameras are also installed with a total of seven around the park. The lifeguards and gate keepers have been hired and will be given walkie talkies so that they can communicate in case of an emergency. An emergency phone will also be installed. The splash pad is moving forward and is expected to be done this



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summer. There are issues with figuring out how to filter the water from the pond onto the splash pad. The boys and girls bathroom need to be labeled.

- h. Devitt Field: The backstop on field "A" is being worked on. The neighbors have complained about looking at the blue moveable bathrooms and there was discussion on where to move them or to possibly fence them in.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: The cleanup day was very successful and professional landscapers helped with mulching and edging. Crosby mentioned that the gate guard should make sure that the boats and trailers park on the right while cars park to the left.
- j. Brockway Ferry: The town crew is maintaining the grounds and keeping the growth down and cutting back weeds.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: The hunt went well and was successful. Kmetz asked if thank you notes had been sent out yet. Smith was to ask Kateley and if they haven't been delivered yet it would be completed.
- l. Fishing Derby: The derby went well and thank you notes went out to sponsors. Lacoske was going to get the winner information to Jones for the award plaque.
- m. Halloween: Nothing to report.
- n. Holiday Stroll: Nothing to report.
- o. Basketball: Nothing new to report.
- p. Bus Trips: Nothing to report.
- q. Golf Tournament: The tournament is set for July 24, 2011. There will be a total of 36 golfers at the 9 hole course in Deep River.
- r. Membership: There are still vacancies and the commission welcomes new members.
- s. Fundraising: Nothing to report.
- t. Other Old Business: Carol Jones is the new program director for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Jones will still be a member of the commission but will not be able to vote. Jones hours in the office will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am-3pm for the month of June. There is discussion that in July her hours will change to Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-3pm. She can be reached at her office



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number at (860) 526.6025 or by email at CJones@deepriverct.us. Kmetz would like any issues or emails to be sent to her as well as Jones.

New Business/Programs

- a. Greg Ruel wants to do a girls Lacrosse program.
- b. The commission discussed the possibility of a boating class which would cost around \$75.00 and include possibly Sunday classes. Jones will look into possible dates.

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

A motion was made by Morrissey and seconded by Lacoske, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Burton, Secretary pro-tem