



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 7:38 pm on Wednesday, September 14th at Town Hall. Members present were Janice Kmetz, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Cathy Smith, Grace Petroka, Kelly Lacoske, Miriam Morrissey, Sarah Kateley and Kevin Crosby. Those members absent were: Jason Mercer, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tulledge, Peter Woodcock Sr., Dave Berardis, and Carol Jones

Audience of Citizens- There was no audience of citizens.

Secretary's Report- The motion to accept the secretary's report was made by K.Crosby and seconded by Morrissey. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: Went very well. No other report.
- b. Carnival: No report
- c. Summer Program: The summer program is done. The program had over 100 children and went well. The parent surveys received have been very positive. A post camp wrap up meeting is still being planned by Jones, Morrissey and the Camp Directors. Next year looking to add new field trips and possibly a pre-K program.
- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: is scheduled for this Saturday, September 17th. Committee members who are available are asked to meet at Devitt Field by 7:00am. The following jobs were assigned: Morrissey will get the road signs out of the shed and post them along the route. The two water stations will be set up with Morrissey and C. Smith working at the station on the corner of Kirtland and Main (across from the Ivory); and volunteers from Atlantic Building Supply working the station on the corner of High and River. Petroka, Lacoske, C. Smith and Kmetz will do registration on Sat morning. Jones will help with set up, food and with the winner's board. T. Crosby will work the winner's board. K. Crosby, Lacoske and volunteer Cathy Kehlenbach will work the runner 'shoot'. K. Crosby and Kmetz will meet at 6:30 am Saturday to set up the runners 'shoot'. A meeting with Kmetz, K. Crosby and Jones will take place on Friday morning at 10am at Town Hall and Devitt to make sure all equipment and supplies needed (i.e. winner's board, double sided tape, stakes, etc.) are available. Kmetz will get caution tape from Dick



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- Smith. K. Crosby will get tables for registration. Jones put in vouchers for timer, Carole Efron \$250.00, and for the fireworks \$12,000.00. Also, the voucher for the DJ, Alan Alonzo \$250.00. Fire Police, as well as the Resident State trooper have been contacted regarding traffic control.
- e. Movies: Friday night, September 16th, *Furry Vengeance*, rated PG will be shown at Plattwood Park. K. Crosby has secured the projector from the Fire Dept., and will pick up the screen from Town Hall. He will get speakers to use. Kately will arrive at approximately 7 pm to help run the event. The movie is at Town Hall.
 - f. Family Day/Fireworks: Family Day & Fireworks will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 with a rain date for the fireworks of Sunday evening 9/18. Kmetz will deliver the check to the fireworks company (Pyrotecnico) on Haynes property. Jones will deliver the check to the DJ at the end of the night. Glow sticks will be for sale for \$1.00 at Plattwood. Massey will sell from 6-7 pm, Kately from 7-8 pm and Kmetz from 8-fireworks start. Jones will bring the cash box, table, and glow sticks.
 - g. Plattwood Park: Night basketball pick-up games are currently being played on Tuesday nights. Much less kids are showing up to play now that school has started. Friday and Saturday evenings, the lights are on for anyone to play.
 - h. Devitt Field: Tri-town football is currently using the field. Complaints about the drainage at the 'B' field have been received. The men's softball league, as well as, DR Little league, is willing to put money into the field but won't do so until the drainage problem is addressed. Kmetz will speak to Dick Smith regarding this. The new climber has been received but has not been installed yet.
 - i. Town Landing/Dock: The Connecticut River is very high due to the recent tropical storm surge and there is a lot of debris. The boat launch and part of the parking lot are under water.
 - j. Brockway Ferry: Nothing to report. Clean up needs to be scheduled.
 - k. Easter Egg Hunt: Nothing to report.
 - l. Fishing Derby: Nothing to report
 - m. Halloween: Glow necklaces have been received. The committee will meet soon. Jones still concerned that the Town Hall auditorium won't be available for use as HVAC system work is ongoing, will check with D. Smith regarding this.
 - n. Holiday Stroll: To be held on Friday night, December 2nd. Horse and carriages have been secured for that date. A door decorating contest will be added this year, as well as, the return of the gingerbread house contest.



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- o. Basketball: Gym time has been secured at JWMS. If enough gym time can be secured, then Berardis is hoping to expand the program to include 10th grade students.
- p. Bus Trips: Plans in the works to sponsor a bus trip to NYC on December 10th with Chester and Essex. It would be the bus only with a 'free' day to enjoy the city.
- q. Membership: Kmetz asked the group to help recruit new members as there are still vacancies on the commission. Also, the current members should try to be more active and regularly attend the monthly meetings.
- r. Fundraising: Nothing to report.

Other Old Business:

The one day safe boating course went well. There were 12 people who attended. It was held at the Deep River Library on Sunday, August 14th from 8:30-4:00. It was sponsored by Parks and Rec but put on by ProMarine.

The estimate for the new volleyball nets and poles was presented. It will cost approximately \$400.00 to replace the existing equipment. The court needs to be re-surfaced with sand at a depth of approximately 6-8 inches. The motion to order the new nets and poles was tabled until next month until the cost of the sand could be determined.

Five fall programs have been set up for elementary school age children. The programs will meet one day a week, after school hours, Mon-Thursday at the school. The exception to this is the skateboard lessons which will be held at Plattwood Park. Registration Forms have gone out via e-mail.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:30pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Massey and seconded by Morrissey 8:47pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Janice Kmetz, Chairperson & Acting Secretary
Director, Parks and Recreation*