



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 7:37 pm on Wednesday, December 14th at Town Hall. Members present were Janice Kmetz, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Carol Jones, Sarah Kateley and Kevin Crosby. Those members absent were: Jason Mercer, Kelly Lacoske, Grace Petroka, Miriam Morrissey, Tania Crosby, Cathy Smith, Sarah Tullledge, Dave Berardis, and Peter Woodcock Sr..

Audience of Citizens- There was one. Mr. Jim Godsman representing the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club spoke to the commission regarding the use of the pond at Plattwood Park in 2012. He presented an application for park use for three separate days and times of weekly sailing/racing sessions and also spoke to the commission about holding a regatta at the park. The regatta would be open to all and they anticipate that about 25-35 boats from around Connecticut would enter. They will charge approximately \$20.00 per boat but haven't decided on the exact entry fee as of this date. The regatta would be held the weekend of May 18th-19th 2012.

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

Treasurer's Report- Discussion on recent expenses due to the holiday stroll event. This year the P & R budget was used to pay the fire police who were responsible for directing traffic. Also, holiday decorations were purchased new this year. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Massey and seconded by Crosby. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: No report.
- b. Carnival: Massey to firm up date for the carnival for June 2012.
- c. Summer Program: The summer program camp wrap up meeting was held on Friday, November 18th @ 3:15. Morrissey, Kmetz, Robin Whaley, Kim Fair and Jones were present. Ideas for the 2012 camp were discussed as well as what could be done to make the program better. Jones will have an ad put in the local newspapers in January, advertising for both the Assistant Director and the Director positions.
- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: No report.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: No report.



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- f. Movies: Crosby reported that the next movie will probably be during February school vacation. Plattwood Park: No report.
- g. Devitt Field:
- h. Town Landing/Dock: Massey reported that the fire department offered an old fire hose for our use at the town dock. The hose would be used to provide protective edging along the floating docks. Massey will tell the fire department that Parks and Recreation will be happy to accept the old fire hose for this use. The docks will be scheduled to be removed from the water shortly. Jones will confirm this with Dick Smith.
- i. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- j. Easter Egg Hunt: No report.
- k. Fishing Derby: No report.
- l. Halloween: No report.
- m. Holiday Stroll: The stroll was held on Friday night, December 2nd. Cedar Knoll Farm brought down two horse drawn carriages and rides were given from 6-9 pm this year. Jones reported that the night went well. The later time for the carriage rides seem to work out better. The gingerbread house contest awarded five prizes. The Shoreline Train Group had a model train display in the auditorium and it was well received. "Christina" the magician was hired to entertain the kids and roamed around from 6-8 making balloon animals sculptures. Santa arrived by fire truck at 6:20. Next year, it was thought to advertise Santa's arrival for 6:00 as he was ready to go earlier and waiting at the fire house. Boy Scout Troop 13 provided 7 scouts who were on hand helping out for the evening.
- n. Basketball: The teams have been chosen and practices have started. The hoop extenders for the two hoops at DRES were ordered and have arrived. They will be installed this Saturday, December 17th by the town crew.
- o. Bus Trips: Jones is looking in to baseball bus trips in June and also doing a local bus trip to see the New Britain Rock Cats during a school vacation day in April. The commission thought just selling the reduced price tickets would be easier. The tickets to the UCONN basketball games (tickets only) have been selling quite slowly. Also, Jones presented a possible bus trip for late March to NYC to see a Broadway Show.
- p. Membership: Kmetz reiterated that membership is down so asked all members to recruit people to help fill the vacancies on the commission
- q. Fundraising: No report



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Other Old Business:

Kmetz took nominations from the floor for new officers for the commission. No one came forward to fill the Chairperson's position. Crosby was nominated to fill the Vice-Chairperson position. Morrissey was nominated for the Treasurer's position. No nominations were made for the Secretary's position. Kmetz asked all members to please consider taking on one of the vacant positions. At the January meeting the slate of officers will be presented and formally voted on. Kmetz reminded all that her intentions are to step down as chairperson of the commission and would like it if someone else would take over the position of chairperson. All members should try to be present at the January meeting.

Jones asked all committee chairpersons to submit dates for the annual Parks and Recreation pamphlet so that it can be updated for the January meeting. Please submit any changes to event descriptions or any additional information for inclusion as well. Submittals should be done via e-mail prior to the January meeting.

New Business:

Discussion regarding the use of Plattwood Park by The Dry Pants Model Yacht Club ensued. Kateley made a motion to allow the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club to use the pond at Plattwood for their weekly sailing sessions and also to allow the use of the pond for their regatta in May. The Park usage fee was reduced to \$75.00 and no fee will be imposed on the regatta unless the size of the regatta exceeds 35 boats. Crosby seconded the motion and it was carried.

Jones presented details of a photography class to be run by professional photographer, Steve Nadler. The class would run for 6 weeks, 3 hours each week and begin in April. The cost will be \$125.00. Jones will look into using the community room at the DR Town Library for the class. Jones is also working with Donna at the new fitness center located in town to set up a Zumba class at a reduced introductory price. Another session of the safe boating class will be held in the early spring. Jones has spoken to Pro Marine Education about running the class again. Also, in the works is a possible learn to kayak class and a celebrity run basketball clinic. Jones will send out all the details in an e-mail to members.



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Jones will be setting up a meeting in the near future with groups that use Devitt on a regular basis. Groups such as Tri-Town Football, DR Little League, Girls Lacrosse and Men's Softball will be asked to attend along with the chairperson of the Devitt Field committee. The chairperson of the commission will also be in attendance.

Kmetz reminded all commission members of the holiday party to be held Friday night, December 16th @ the Stone House. Please RSVP to Gina at Town Hall if you plan on attending. All members are encouraged to attend.

Massey made a motion to adjourn. Crosby seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, January 11th, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Acting Secretary & Director, Parks and Recreation