



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2012

Vice-Chairperson, Kevin Crosby, called the meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:32 pm on Wednesday, February 8th at Town Hall. Members present were, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Kelly Lacoske, Sarah Kateley, Grace Petroka, Miriam Morrissey, Don Sampson and Carol Jones. Those members absent were: Jason Mercer, Tania Crosby, Cathy Smith, Dave Berardis, Janice Kmetz, Sarah Tulledge, and Peter Woodcock Sr.

Audience of Citizens- There was one. Mr. Erik Anderson of Hungry Hal's food service spoke to the board about providing food service during the "misfit" cruisers, cruise nights to be held at Plattwood Park on Tuesday evenings, from May through September. Anderson offered to provide food services every Tuesday evening or on an as needed basis as he was made aware that local non-profit groups had already been approached by the commission. Hungry Hal's is willing to donate a percentage (mentioned 10%) of the profits from each week's sale to Parks and Recreation. Hungry Hal's is based in Chester and regularly appears at the Chester and Guilford Fairs. Anderson stated that they would be at the cruise nights from the start of the event until the event ends. Anderson would like to have the board notify him of its decision by April for scheduling purposes. Crosby tabled the vote on this until the March meeting. Jones will follow up with the Lions Club as they have been offered the opportunity to sell food during this event as well.

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

Treasurer's Report- Morrissey presented the treasurer's report as no hard copy was available. There were no large expenses this month. Morrissey requested and received all budget numbers from committee chair people for submittal to the Board of Selectman. Questions arose as to when the board is able to purchase the playscape for Devitt Field as various Commission events have generated some revenue which was earmarked for this cause. Morrissey will speak to D. Smith regarding this.

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: Dates have been set, June 28th-August 23rd. The committee would like to do 9 weeks of concerts this summer so a budget request for an additional \$500.00 was made.
- b. Carnival: Jones stated that the contract was signed and sent to Imperial Shows, LLC. The dates of the carnival are June 14-17th 2012. Massey stated that the committee is searching for local bands that want to perform during the carnival. The idea of having a beer tent is being investigated.



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- c. Summer Program: Advertisements for the position of Director and Assistant Director have been put in the local papers. Jones reported that several calls regarding the position have come in as well as one application. The dates for summer camp are July 2nd through August 10th. Morrissey and Jones had a meeting regarding camp and have come up with a punch list of items to be addressed.
- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: Jones sent a 2012 5K flyer to Runner's World located in Old Saybrook who had contacted the parks and recreation office and offered to advertise.
- e. Family Day/Fireworks: No report. Date is September 15, 2012.
- f. Movies: Crosby reported that the movie tentatively scheduled for February school vacation will be postponed until mid-March. Initial response to the February movie date revealed that many families would be away during school vacation.
- g. Plattwood Park: No report.
- h. Devitt Field: Petroka and Jones met and came up with guidelines, park rules and a fee schedule that will be typed up and submitted to all committee members for comment. After the document has been finalized it will be sent to all groups proposing to use Devitt field and they will be invited to attend the March, Parks and Recreation meeting for discussion. Sampson and others suggested that a master plan be made up for Devitt Field so that any future equipment additions or changes proposed by groups using the field, such as Deep River Little League, and Tri-Town Football, can conform to the plan.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: No report.
- j. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: C. Smith and Kateley will chair this event. Kateley reported that plans are underway. The egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 14th 2012 @ Devitt Field.
- l. Fishing Derby: Lacoske will once again chair this event. Trout Farm information should be arriving soon to Town hall. Harding Trout Farm will once again be supplying the fish. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th 2012
- m. Halloween: No report.
- n. Holiday Stroll: No report.
- o. Basketball: Brief discussion ensued regarding an incident that had occurred during a basketball game on January 28th involving a player and a referee. The commission was notified via email of the incident. As a commission, it was decided that the player be issued a one game suspension as well as one missed team practice. Letters were sent to the player in question and also to the coaches outlining the disciplinary action. Deep River First Selectman, R.Smith, was notified of the incident and the discipline action imposed on the player. Morrissey presented a check to the commission from the DRES PTO for half of the cost of the basketball hoop extenders that were installed at the elementary school. The



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check was for \$717.50. The Commission had paid for the extenders and had them installed by the town crew in December.

- p. Bus Trips: Two bus trips have been planned to major league baseball games. The first trip is to a Boston Red Sox game on Sunday, May 13th and the second bus trip is to a New York Yankee Game on Tuesday August 28th. The cost for the trips is \$62.00 per ticket for the Red Sox game and \$56.00 per ticket for the Yankee Game.
- q. Membership: No report
- r. Fundraising: No report.

Other Old Business:

Crosby circulated the signup sheets for all 2012 committee positions. There are still openings for committee chairmen for Brockway Ferry and Bus Trips.

Jones has set up an 8 hour safe boating course to be taught by Pro-marine Education in March. Another class might be held in April depending on demand. Professional photographer Steve Nadler will conduct a six week, basic photography class. The class will meet once a week on Thursdays in the community room at the library. The class will start on April 19th.

New Business: Jones is looking into a yoga class as well as a volleyball clinic.

Morrissey made a motion to adjourn. Petroka seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Acting Secretary & Director, Parks and Recreation