



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2012

Vice-Chairperson, Kevin Crosby, called the meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:37 pm on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at Town Hall. Members present were, Cathy Smith, Miriam Morrissey, Kelley LaCoske, Betsey Scholfield, Grace Petroka, Don Sampson, Carol Jones, Sarah Kateley and recently appointed member Stephanie Award. Those members absent were: Jason Mercer, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Tania Crosby, Sarah Tulledge, Tracy Woodcock, Dave Berardis, Janice Kmetz and Peter Woodcock Sr.,

Audience of Citizens- There was none.

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

Treasurer's Report- Morrissey presented the treasurer's report. The line item for 'parks' is overspent for this fiscal year, 2012-2013 due to the large expenditure of money for the new bathrooms at Devitt field. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by C. Smith and seconded by Petroka. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business-

- a. Summer Concerts: No report.
- b. Carnival: No report.
- c. Summer Program: A wrap up meeting of the summer program was held with the two directors and the summer youth camp committee. Evaluations were presented to the director and assistant director. Based on the excellent evaluations that they received, the committee offered the Director and Assistant Director their positions for the 2013 camp. The deadline to accept the summer positions is December 1st 2012.
- d. 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run: The race is this Saturday. K. Crosby asked all members who can help out report to Devitt Field by 7:00 am. Jones and K. Crosby will meet at the field at 6:30 to set up the race shoot and finish line. Morrissey volunteered to put out the signs along the route. Morrissey and C. Smith will man one water station by the Ivory restaurant and Lacoske will man the other water station on River Street across from the old ambulance barn on the corner in front of the Baptist church parsonage. Jones reported that there are 102 runners/walkers pre-registered thus far. Jones will check on the delivery of the shirts and K. Crosby will pick up the trophies from Home Team supply in Middletown. Kmetz had secured the fire police and constables regarding traffic control. Jones will get the donations from Adams of water, fruit and muffins. Thus far, there are 27 sponsors of the race.



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- e. Family Day/Fireworks: The live band fell through so the DJ has been confirmed. The cost of the DJ this year is \$375. The live band wanted to be compensated more than \$375. The commission will once again sell glow sticks with Lacoske taking the lead on this.
- f. Movies: The movies went well although one Friday night was rained out. The advertising through camp was effective. Also, it was featured on a free radio spot as well.
- g. Plattwood Park: The fundraising event held the first weekend in September for the LiveStrong, Lance Armstrong Foundation went well. Jones inspected the park on Sunday morning after the event and found all in order. The security deposit will be returned to the organizers of the event. The misfit cruise nights with the antique and collectible cars held each Tuesday night at Plattwood have been very successful and will end on September 18th with a rain out make up week scheduled for the 25th. The group is pleased that the commission voted to let them return for the 2013 season. Jones reported that several phone calls to the proprietor of Hungry Hal's, (the concession truck on site), were made in order to receive a copy of the insurance certificate listing the Town of Deep River as additionally insured as per our agreement. Jones went to Plattwood three times to collect said certificate. Eric Anderson finally gave Jones a copy of the certificate the week of September 3rd. Anderson stated that he would give Parks and Recreation a final check representing 10% of their profits after the cruise nights are finished. Thus far, the commission has received only one check for \$300.00.
- h. Devitt Field: The new restrooms that are ADA compliant are nearly completed. The town is waiting to receive the steel partitions. The hot water heater has been installed inside the shack. Jones is soliciting quotes for a commercial grade sink for the shack. Tri-town football has new officers. A roster and check were received from tri-town football for \$900.00. The roster indicates approximately 86 players that are not Deep River residents and approximately 30 players from Deep River. The fee for out of town players is \$15.00 per player. Petroka is confirming numbers with tri-town football and will request additional money if needed.
- i. Town Landing/Dock: The parking of cars and trailers is still an issue. Discussion was tabled so that the committee could address this issue.
- j. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt: No report.
- l. Fishing Derby: No report.
- m. Halloween: No report. Committee will meet next week.
- n. Holiday Stroll: No report.
- o. Basketball: Berardis will be stepping aside this season as other commitments have come up. T.Woodcock will take over the program this season with help from other members. A meeting was held



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to discuss new rules and other issues that had come up last year. Registration materials will probably go out in late October.

- p. Bus Trips: The bus trip to the NY Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays went very well. 49 of the 50 seats were sold and all participants seemed to enjoy themselves.
- q. Membership: The commission welcomed new member Stephanie Award.
- r. Fundraising: No report.

Other Old Business:

The new park use rules written for Plattwood Park were mailed out to all members. Upon discussion, members requested more time to review the draft of the rules and so the issue was table until the October meeting.

New Business:

Jones will be working with the DRES PTO to set up enrichment programs at the school. Also a photography class and knitting class are planned.

Morrissey made a motion to adjourn. C. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, October 10th, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director & Acting Secretary Parks and Recreation