



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2013

Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock, called the meeting of Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:34 pm, on Wednesday, May 8th, at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Carol Jones, Grace Petroka, Elizabeth Scholfield, Kelley Lacoske, Miriam Morrissey, Janice Kmetz, Mary Elizabeth Massey, Stephani Award and Sarah Kately. Those members absent were: Dave Berardis, Don Sampson, Kevin Crosby, Cathy Smith and Tania Crosby.

Audience of Citizen: John Tressel.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept Secretary's report was made by Kelley and seconded by Kmetz. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion on recent expenses. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report was made by Lacoske and seconded by Scholfield. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a) Summer Concerts: Morrissey reported the bands are selected. Massey reported that the commission is still looking into food vendors. Jones reported if it rains on day of concert it can be held in the town hall auditorium and this is marked on the calendar as well.
- b) Carnival: Massey reported that an email was received from the carnival director saying they were billed for the posters. Massey has added this expense to the expense of the carnival. Schofield reported the posters are in and fliers will be sent out to the surrounding elementary schools. Schofield also stated the wristbands are ordered and will be coming in shortly. Morrissey is in contact with Valley Regional, to see if the bands and individuals participating in the coffee house would like to perform at the carnival. Schofield also looked into purchasing a banner for down town to advertise the carnival. Jones reported she uploaded the poster onto the Deep River website.
- c) Summer Program: Jones reported the registration forms are coming in slowly and approximately half of the returned forms are signing up for all day camps. Jones stated Region 4 district has been in contact saying they will be holding summer school for children K-5 at DRES and would like to use the summer program to assist students with poor social skills. Jones also reported a local college student would like to intern during the summer program, Jones will look into this to make sure this is the right program for the student and her school advisor.



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- d) 5-K Run: Jones stated she contacted the Chester Rotary and they use bibs with chips in them for their races to keep track of when athletes cross the finish line. Jones will be in contact with the maker of the bibs to find price and to see if it would work for our race as well.
- e) Family Day and Fireworks: Kmetz reported the merchants in town are all set and ready for Family Day. The Historical society is holding an art show for local artist and crafters to sell their items.
- f) Movies: Massey reported poor feedback on the movie "The Odd Life of Timothy Green"; she will be continuing to look for a "new release" to play. Jones reported "Brave" will be playing as a "free" movie at the town hall auditorium, Saturday May 18th at 6:30. Jones also requested members to come up with a scary teen movie for Halloween time.
- g) Plattwood Park: Jones reported that the bathrooms were broken into and the toilets and sinks were smashed and ruined. She has ordered new ones to be installed. She also had new locks on the closet and bathrooms installed.
- h) Devitts Field: Jones reported the bathrooms are in working order although the partitions are yet to be installed in the ladies room. Kateley noticed the water that enters the bathroom does not puddle at the drain, it collects in the corner of the room. Jones reported P&R received the donation required from the Men's Softball league to use field "B" for games as well as Kennelworth.
- i) Town Landing: Jones reported the docks were installed. Massey reported the clean-up went well and the mulch was laid out as well as the bulbs being planted.
- j) Brockway Ferry: Kmetz reported it looks neglected from the winter. Carol suggested having the Leo Club or VRHS kids needing community service hours could do the clean up. Betsy will contact VRHS and could have clean up day June 1st. Kateley reported that VRHS community service day is June 7th.
- k) Easter egg Hunt: No report. Kateley will get the bunny suit and store at her house until next year.
- l) Fishing Derby: Lacoske reported registration is from 7-7:30 am and fishing is 7:30-9:30 am on May 11th. Fish will be dropped off at approximately 10 am on May 9th. Jones will pick up and deliver drinks and donuts from Adams and Dunkin Donuts. Jones reported she will be sending fliers out to the surrounding elementary schools.
- m) Halloween Party: Schofield reported that the town hall auditorium can be used for the movie and magician.
- n) Holiday Stroll: No report
- o) Basketball Program: Jones reported she is still going over the sent in surveys.
- p) Bus Trips: Jones reported the Yankees bus trip was successful. Tickets were almost sold out but those that weren't were sold on the sidewalk before entering the game.



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She also reports that the Red Sox game currently has a waiting list for tickets and bus seats. The planning of the bus trip to Newport is underway. Jones reported the price of the trip ranges from \$65-\$89.

- q) Membership: Kmetz reports there are still a few opens on the board.
- r) Fundraising: No report.

Other Old Business:

Jones reports the second boating class is on June 2nd.

Jones also stated the first aid class had to be canceled as the instructor got the dates mixed up and didn't show up to the class. They will be doing the class for free for their mistake.

The Buddy Track is up to 40 athletes. The first clinic is on my 28th followed by two more clinics and then the final meet. Buddies must be middle school to high school age.

The Doggy fun zone fundraiser has requested to not pay the fee of \$100 or 10% of profit to use the field. A motion was made by Kmetz to revamp the contract for future fundraisers as to make this fee non-negotiable. This motion was seconded by Massey and all in favor.

Deep River Land Trust is co-sponsoring a geocaching workshop led by Jim Lockhart. This is presented May 19th at 1 pm at the Congregational Church in Deep River.

New Business and/or New Programs:

Valley Regional Baseball team is look for a sponsor for a baseball clinic held at Valley from June 26th to June 28th and July 1st and 2nd. Schofield made a motion to accept the sponsorship and Morrissey second the motion. All were in favor.

Next meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th, at 7:30 pm

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:48 pm by Petroka and seconded by Morrisey.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Whitney Woodcock, Recording Secretary
Deep River Parks and Recreation*