



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2013

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Tracy Woodcock, at 7:42 p.m. on Wednesday October 9, 2013 at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were Miriam Morrissey, Kevin Crosby, Carol Jones, Grace Petroka, and Elizabeth Scholfield. Members absent: Cathy Smith, Janice Kmetz, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Tania Crosby, Stephanie Award, Don Sampson, Kelley Lacoske, Dave Berardis and Sarah Kateley.

Audience of citizen: None present. DR Little League President Mark Grabowski could not attend but sent a proposal for a batting cage to be built at Devitt Field. No cost to Park and Rec. Issue of where it will be placed was discussed. The commission tabled the vote until next meeting when more facts are received.

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

Treasurer's Report: Morrissey presented the treasurer's report and a discussion ensued on revenue received from Deep River Family Day. Biggest expense for September was the purchase of plywood for the new snack shack being constructed at Plattwood. Morrissey reported that the budget for Halloween is \$1,300.00 with a balance of \$1,122.31 remaining. Petroka made the motion to accept the treasurer's report; Crosby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. **Summer concerts**-no report.
- b. **Carnival**- no report.
- c. **Summer program**- no report.
- d. **5-K Run** - went well; it looks like we made \$3,500.00. Jones to email Greystone Electronics to secure the date for next year's road race.
- e. **Family day and fireworks** - Jones and others felt the fireworks were harder to see and a little low, below the tree line. They started a little earlier than planned and without warning. The band was well received but the utilizing the DJ as we had done in the past seemed more organized. We will try to improve on the fireworks.
- f. **Movies** – no report
- g. **Plattwood Park** – The construction of the new snack shack and it's exterior has been completed as an Eagle Project by Deep River resident, Eagle Scout candidate, Iestyn Norton.
- h. **Devitt Field** - The shack was broken into and the bases were stolen. We need to put extra locks on the snack shack plywood window, facing the "A" field again like there was a few years ago. We are also trying to get the word out to the public that the funds we raise at the Carnival or 5K is for the new playground at Devitt.



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i. Town Landing -Garden club has scheduled time to volunteer to improve the plantings around the park and gazebo.

j. Brockway Ferry – no report

k. Halloween Party – Scholfield reported that things are going well. This year, the Mad Scientists of Southeastern CT will perform in the Town Hall Auditorium after the costume parade. We will revisit the possibility of the haunted house and a scary movie for the Middle school and High school kids next year.

l. Holiday Stroll- the DR Historical Society is hosting a festival of trees and has invited all local groups to participate by decorating a tree for display. The entrance fee is \$25.00 per tree. The Commission voted to allocate the money and to enter a tree. Jones was asked by the Historical Society if the route of the horse and carriage could be changed so that it would be able to transport visitors to the Stone House grounds. The Commission agreed with request and asked Jones to call Cedar Knoll Farms and inquire.

m. Basketball program –the registration forms have gone out. Player draft will be held at the end of October. Practices are anticipated to begin middle of November. The season will end on or about March 5th 2014.

n. Bus Trips - we have a shopping trip scheduled for November 22 - November 24th 2013 to North Conway, New Hampshire. The cost is \$195.00 per person if we get 35 people.

o. Membership - Jim Cunningham is a new member. Janice Kmetz sent her resignation as of November 1, 2013.

p. Fundraising-no report

Old Business – none

New Business/New Programs:

No new Business

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Morrissey and 2nd by Crosby. The meeting of Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, November 13th 2013 @ 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsey Scholfield, Acting Secretary



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