



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm on Wednesday March 12, 2014 at the Deep River Town Hall.

Members present were: Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Betsy Scholfield, Tracey Woodcock, Cathy Smith, Jane Moen, Miriam Morrissey,. Absent: Sarah Kateley. Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Tania Crosby, Stephanie Award, Don Sampson, Dave Berardis, Carol Jones, Jimmy Cunningham

Audience of Citizens – Deep River Little League Marc Grabowski, Basketball Program, Doug Brenneman, Rob Counter, Anthony Luccaro Jr., and Kevin King. Also present was Justin Waz who is interested in joining Parks and Recreation.

Deep River Little League resubmitted plans for a batting cage at Devitt Field with a new proposed location. Woodcock will speak to the DR Historical Society as the proposed location is adjacent to the fence line with the Stone House property. Woodcock noted that this new location might interfere with men's softball as it is within left field of the softball diamond. After much discussion, it was decided that the cage will be perpendicular to the fence line in the location of the eastern most storage shed. Grabowski stated that DRLL will move both of the sheds to a new location located to the west of the current playscape. Grabowski also stated that DRLL will first clear the area and then provide site preparation where the sheds are being moved to. DRLL will also perform all the maintenance on the batting cage. The Commission will vote via email once the new aerial photo depicting the new location is submitted. DRLL would like to start construction soon so as to be ready for this season. Grabowski said that clay for the 'B' field will be done by Little League. DRLL asked if in the future, the town would help defray costs for 3 loads of clay at \$980 each load for Devitt 'A' field. They will pay for this year's clay at \$2,940.

Grabowski representing football stated that the league is taking over an 8th grade team from Clinton. He has gotten quotes for reseeding the football field. The slit seeding quote he has received is \$3,608.00 with the over seeding estimate at \$2,658.00. Football can cover the lower bid. The irrigation system would need to be run for 6 weeks following the application and they asked if the town would cover the water costs. Tri Town football will do first part of reseeding. Parks and Rec is concerned about the water usage costs; the issued was tabled until next meeting.

K. Crosby presented his idea to start a basketball league for 3rd-6th grade boys and girls. He has three or more coaches lined up to help out. All of them have participated in the Parks and Rec winter basketball program. The league will begin June 1st and go through mid-August. They will have no practices, just games. It will be held at Plattwood Park on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5-8 p.m. Crosby is looking to have Parks and Rec sponsor the league. Anticipated expenses are for uniforms and basketballs. They are thinking of pulling in HK also.



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Secretary's Report – A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Petroka and second by Morrissey. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue is same as last month. Motion to accept from K. Crosby and seconded from Petr oak. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Summer concerts – No report
- b. Carnival – Scheduled for June 19th – 21st, 2014; Thursday – Saturday.
- c. Summer program – Applications for Director and Assistant Director have come in. Interviews slated for March 24th.
- d. 5-K Run - We are adding Raceroster.com. It is a Website for runners to register on line with credit cards. This is the 20th anniversary.
- e. Family day and fireworks – Bill Dugel does Caricatures for \$350.00 for 3 hours. We should check to see if we want to add him during the day.
- f. Movies – No Report
- g. Plattwood Park – No report
- h. Devitt Field –Little League batting cage is still being discussed. Vote taken to put clay on 'A' field; motion made by Petroka and seconded by K.Crosby. The motion carried. Men's softball league sent in an application for field use. Jones submitted the budget request to the Board of Selectmen asking for \$30,000.00 to replace the playscape at Devitt field. Two options for a new playscape were presented to the commission. Option 2, which has more components, is the one that the Commission would like to get funded and purchase. Devitt Field Use/Park use form has a new clause which states "if a group is using the snack shack, the shack must be vacated within one week of the last contest or within one week from the end date listed on the application, whichever comes first. The shack must be left clean and all refrigerators, freezers and appliances turned off. Should the town be required to empty out and clean the shack, the security deposit/cleaning fee will be used for this effort."
- i. Town Landing – Jones met with the owner of the Lace factory as several applications for park use for the landing have been received for the purpose of holding a wedding. The receptions are typically scheduled to be held at the Lace factory across the street from the landing. New rules governing the use of the landing for weddings have been made and will be presented and voted on at the next meeting. The fee to use the landing for the purpose of holding a wedding or an event has also been increased. One new rule to be discussed further is a limit of 2 hours for events.



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- j. Brockway Ferry – No Report
- k. Halloween Party – No Report
- l. Holiday Stroll – No Report
- m. Easter Egg Hunt – Hunt is April 5th and egg stuffing is on April 1st at Sarah's house
- n. Basketball program – Winter program is over and it went very well. K.Crosby's proposed summer basketball league was discussed. The cost will be \$50.00 per child to cover T-Shirts and basketballs. A motion was made by Petroka to approve Parks and Recreation sponsorship of the summer league. The motion was seconded by Morrissey. The motion carried.
- o. Bus Trips – Three (3) bus trips are scheduled. Two (2) Boston games and one (1) Yankee game. Moen went over the new bus trips that the bus trip committee has been working on. Three new trips are planned: a Broadway show bus trip to NYC on June 25, 2014; a trip to the Berkshires on July 23th, 2014 and a trip to the Bronx Zoo Trip in September, (date to be finalized). A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by Morrissey with the stipulation that the NYC trip be planned for a smaller capacity bus. The motion carried. Also, in the planning stages is a trip to Newport vineyards for the fall. The holiday trip to North Conway was eliminated.
- p. Membership – The Commission is still seeking new members. Justin Waz, present tonight might join the commission.
- q. Fishing Derby- Fish have been ordered and derby will be May 10th.
- r. Enrichment Program – Program is underway at DRES. First part ends on March 26th. Theater program has their production in June. We voted and approved Acacia Bowden's Gold project for girl scouts. She is doing an engineering program in May for girls in 2-4 grades.

New Business:

- Boating course is April 6, 2014. Need more people to sign up or it will be cancelled. Woodcock asks all members to talk it up.
- Youth Mental Health class on April 1st and April 8th at Congregational church. No costs. Call Jane if interested.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25; Motion made by Petroka and seconded by C. Smith to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Scholfield, Co-Chairperson, *Acting Secretary*
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