



TOWN of DEEP RIVER

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 13th, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chair Person, Tracy Woodcock at 7:36 pm on Wednesday, August 13th 2014 at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: Tracy Woodcock, Grace Petroka, Miriam Morrissey, Justin Waz, Carol Jones, and Cathy Smith. Members absent: Jane Moen, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Betsy Scholfield, Stephanie Award, Don Sampson, Dave Berardis, Sarah Kateley and Jimmy Cunningham.

Audience of Citizens – There was none.

Secretary's Report – There was no July meeting of the Commission as there was not a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month.

Old Business:

- a. Summer concerts – All have gone well thus far. Two more remaining. Need to put directions to venues on posters next year as well as on web site.
- b. Carnival –Commission sent a letter to Board of Selectman indicating a profit of \$3758.00.
- c. Summer program – Camp is finished. Director and Assistant will be invited back. Positive feedback; happy campers, satisfied parents. Jones to schedule a debriefing meeting. Counselor get together/pizza party to be scheduled before end of summer.
- d. 5-K Run - Discussion about 5K; C.Smith and Morrissey will do 1st H2O station near Ivory Restaurant. 2nd station, need Baptist church- need volunteers. Registration: Petroka, C. Smith, Woodcock, Jones, Waz. Morrissey will put out signs. Woodcock will make sign posts and bases so that signs don't fall over. Jones will try to notify timer to get supplies earlier. Runner list to be alphabetized for ease of use.
- e. Family day and fireworks – The commission is hiring a caricaturist, Bill Dugal, to work the family day event. He will be on the town hall lawn from 11:00-2:00. Will need to schedule a P & R person to be with him. Need someone to cone off a large area in the parking lot near shack at Plattwood for Parks and Rec personnel to park.
- f. Movies – They have started and are going well thus far. Screen was used from the inflatable unit and hung between the two posts on the pergola at Plattwood.
- g. Plattwood Park –Misfit cruise nights using Imperial shows concessions who in turn has Susan's kitchen selling burgers and dogs. People aren't too happy with the set up as no French fries can be cooked. They are operating under a pop up tent.



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- h. Devitt Field –The batting cage is completed and operation. It survived the muster which was held down there in July. Parks and Rec has hired a 7th grade boy who has been opening and closing the restrooms daily. He is paid \$35.00 per week. He will continue through Labor day. He has agreed to then open and close them on weekends through October or until he is told to stop due to cold weather.
- i. Town Landing – Jones to check in building department to see if there is a drawing of the fishing pier which would give its weight limit. ‘Simons at the Landing’ food truck still not ready to go. The owner, Jim Reilly, anticipates that he will not be ready for this season and that he will come back to the commission next t year as it is too late in the season now.
- j. Brockway Ferry – Jones to touch base with local resident, Charles Burdick to ask if he can once again volunteer his time and services to clear the brush and overgrown vines from the Town’s property.
- k. Easter Egg Hunt – No report.
- l. Fishing Derby – The plague is completed and will be rehung in the DRES lobby.
- m. Halloween Party – No Report
- n. Holiday Stroll – No Report. Jones will approach the merchants about moving the day of the stroll to the first Saturday in December.
- o. Basketball program –Local resident Jimmy Cunningham has approached the board about conducting a basketball clinic for elementary school aged kids. He will handle all registrations and advertising. He will charge a fee. The commission approved him running a clinic. A vote will take place at the next meeting or whenever the Commission receives all of the information on the clinic.
Woodcock and Jones will meet with the head of travel basketball and in a separate meeting, with the new DRES principal, Mr. Strickland, to discuss the program and our gym needs.
- p. Bus Trips –Moen reported via email that the bus trips in July went well and that the September trip is approaching. Please talk it up and help put up fliers advertising the Bronx Zoo and Botanical Garden trip which will take place on Thursday , September 25th 2014; a Region 4 school holiday.
- q. Membership – The Commission is still seeking new members.
- r. Enrichment Program – Morrissey met with the new school principal to discuss the enrichment courses as some courses will be taught using budgeted monies from the school using staff from the school. More discussion on this in the next month.
- s. Fundraising: No report



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Other Old Business: Valley youth football submitted an application for field use at Devitt for the period of late July through end of October. The application requests almost every day use (evening hours). The Commission, after a review of the number of Deep River youth participating in the Valley Football program, decided that football will not be granted exclusive use for all weekends at the park. The roster of players submitted by football with their application indicates that only 22% or 8 youth out of the 37 registered players are from Deep River. Two other groups, DR fire department and the DR historical society have also submitted applications for field use for a Sunday in September. Both groups are holding events at the park and have requested use of the shack.

New Business: Woodcock and Jones when meeting with Mr. Strickland at DRES will ask for permission to have a table at the DRES open house on Thursday, September 11 in order to collect email addresses as well as to try to recruit new members by showing people what we, as a commission do.

Motion made by C. Smith and seconded by Petroka to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director, *Acting Secretary*
Deep River Parks and Recreation