



Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2015

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chairperson Justin Waz at 7:07 pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: James Beardsley, James Cunningham, Sarah Kateley, Missy Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka, Betsy Scholfield, Leslie Sheehan, Justin Waz, Brandon Woodcock and Stephani Award. Members absent were: Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Don Sampson and Cristi Stroud. Carol Jones, Director, was also present.

Audience of Citizens: Michael Berardis, Boy Scout, Troop 13, Eagle Scout Candidate, requested permission to create a hiking trail south of the existing basketball courts at Plattwood Park, for his Eagle Scout Project. The trail would be established in the wooded area beginning close to the south-east end of the parking lot and would extend to the east and wrap around to the north with the terminus at the north-eastern most point of the existing fitness trail. Berardis needs approval on his idea from the Commission, before he gets approval from the Boy Scouts, in order to move forward.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Beardsley and seconded by Morrissey. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Scholfield and seconded by Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- a. Bus Trips: The wine trip scheduled in October was cancelled due to lack of participation. The Committee discussed ways to promote future bus trips.

- b. Halloween: The Committee discussed the upcoming Halloween Festivities scheduled for October 30, 2015. The Halloween flyer advertising the date and time will be made available to the community October 15, 2015. Scholfield reiterated the need for volunteers and passed around a volunteer sign -up sheet. All Commission members are needed to help with the festivities. Committee discussed parade route and need for safety.
- c. Basketball Program: Woodcock will remain as the referee coordinator. Woodcock stressed the need for volunteer coaches. The Kara Wolters Basketball Clinic is Sunday, October 25, 2015. Cunningham made an impassioned plea for a more developmentally appropriate Parks and Recreation basketball program for 1-6 grade. He presented the Commission with an article, "Youth Basketball: Age-Appropriate Rim Height, Ball, Court, and Team Size Increase Fun, Skill Development", by Bob Bigelow and a summary sheet that Cunningham feels addresses the old basketball rules, the current basketball rules, proposed basketball rule changes and also information about Valley Soccer's rules and how they could correlate to our program.
- d. 5-K Run/Walk: Was successful with 146 runners in the 5-K and 39 runners in the Fun Run. Massey suggested creating two categories for Best Time in the Fun Run. One category for 12 and Under and another category for 12 and Up.
- e. Family Day and Fireworks: Was successful. Committee discussed hiring a DJ for next year.
- f. Enrichment Programs: Robin Hood auditions begin Monday, October 19.
- g. Movies: No report.
- h. Holiday Stroll: No report.
- i. Parks: Devitt Field- Football is using the field for practices. Town Landing- Commission discussed possible new location at Landing for Simon's. Plattwood Park- Sod, fence, new fields, fitness trail and fitness equipment are all established. Curbing still needs to be finished. Brockway Ferry- No report. Commission would like to establish a schedule of field time so field use can be maximized.
- j. Summer Concerts: No report.
- k. Carnival: No report.
- l. Membership: No report
- m. Fundraising: No report.
- n. Old Business: No report.
- o. New Business: Commission voted on Michael Berardis's request to move forward on creating a formal proposal for a hiking trail at Plattwood Park. A motion to accept was made by Sheehan and seconded by Morrissey. The motion passed unanimously.

Morrissey made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm, seconded by Woodcock. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephani Award, Secretary  
Deep River Parks and recreation