



Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation commission was called to order by Treasurer, Miriam Morrissey at 7:05 pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were: James Cunningham, Karen Dexter, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka, Betsy Scholfield, Leslie Sheehan, Cristi Stroud and Stephani Award. Members absent were: James Beardsley, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Sarah Kateley, Don Simpson, Justin Waz and Brandon Woodcock. Carol Jones, Director, was also present.

Audience of Citizens: None present.

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

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Petroka, seconded by Dexter. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- a. Halloween: Event was well attended. Commission has to resolve line/crowding issues regarding the haunted house. Commission members discussed various options to improve the Halloween event.
- b. Basketball Program: Basketball registrations have been sent out. Teams are being selected. Low numbers for the girls in 7-9th grade. Cunningham volunteered to oversee a "skills training" for any interested coaches and/or teams. Jones suggested Cunningham meet with the Basketball Committee to determine needs.
- c. Bus Trips: Low enrollment for the Newport Trip. Committee may need to cancel trip by December 2 if numbers don't increase. Trip needs another 25 people to be considered successful. Committee suggests advertising via social media. Jones has April 27, 2016 bus trip booked to see Kinky Boots in New York City.

Commission suggests tweaking bus trips or cancelling bus trips until Committee has a chance to re-group.

- d. Enrichment Program: Twenty-four children are enrolled in the Theater Program, rehearsals are going well.
- e. Holiday Stroll: Commission needs to post flyers advertising event. All members need to contribute 2 dozen cookies each. Friday, December 4, 2015 is weekend kick off with a concert by the Old Lyme Town Band at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Holiday movies begin Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium at 2:30 -3:30 pm and again at 7:30-9:00 pm. There are many events going on throughout the day. All events are free and open to the public.
- f. Parks: Devitt Field: Commission is requesting an update on the playscape. Bathrooms are closed for the season. Town Landing: November 30, 2015, the bathrooms will be pulled out. Simon's container needs to be moved or removed from the Landing. Plattwood Park: November 30, 2015 the temporary bathroom will be put in. Commission would like clarification on boundaries of Plattwood Park. The fitness trail is open. Brockway Ferry: Has been mowed by Charles Burdick.
- g. 5-K Run: No report.
- h. Family Day: Invoices have been mailed out and the response has been positive.
- i. Movies: No report.
- j. Concerts: No report.
- k. Carnival: No report.
- l. Summer Program: The position of Assistant Director is pending. Committee suggests extending the summer program due to perceived need. Committee needs to send out employment letters to the Director and Assistant Director.
- m. Membership: Dexter will join the Summer Program committee. Stroud is the new liaison between Parks and Recreation and the PTO replacing Scholfield. Commission has 4 slots open for membership. Commission discussed how to recruit new members.
- n. Fundraising: No report.

Old Business: No report.

New Business/ New Programs: No report.

Massey made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm, seconded by Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephani Award, Secretary
Deep River Parks and Recreation

