



Town of Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Betsy Scholfield at 7:02 pm on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Members present were: James Beardsley, Karen Dexter, Sarah Kately, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Don Sampson, Betsy Scholfield, Leslie Sheehan, Cristi Stroud-Downey, Brandon Woodcock, and Stephani Award. Members absent were: Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, James Cunningham, Grace Petroka and Justin Waz. Carol Jones, Director, was also present.

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

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

Committee Reports:

- a. **Basketball Program:** Committee Chair Woodcock would like to see additional volunteer help for the 2016-2017 program. The 2015-2016 basketball program ended March 5.
- b. **Bus Trips:** Posters and fliers have been created. The Boston Flower Show, March 18 and Kinky Boots, April 27 are almost full. The remaining scheduled trips have available space. The Committee still needs volunteers to help run and plan the bus trips.

- c. Enrichment Programs: The Play was well attended. There will be a movie presentation of Robin Hood on April 7 at 3:15 for anyone interested. The cast and crew will walk to the Sweet Shop afterwards. The other enrichment programs will finish the week of March 11.
- d. Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an egg-stuffing party at Sarah Kately's house on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00 pm. The hunt will begin at 2:00, Saturday, March 19. Volunteers should arrive at Devitt's Field at 12:30 to help scatter eggs. The rain date is Sunday, March 20.
- e. Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 7. Registration is from 7-7:30, the Derby will run from 7:30 -9:30. The Fishing Derby will be open to Chester and Essex families with an entrance fee of \$10.00 per family. The new name of the derby is " Deep River Parks and Recreation Fishing Derby" . The lower pond will be stocked Wednesday, May 4. The Commission still needs prizes.
- f. Parks: Devitt Field- The goal posts need to be removed. This is the responsibility of the Football organization. The Commission has received the application from Little League. The Commission still needs a dollar commitment from the men's softball team for field maintenance. Town Landing-Docks need to be repaired. The fishing pier needs to be finished. Plattwood Park-Misfit Cruisers will continue on Tuesday nights. Chris's Hot Dogs will continue to serve food. No Little League on Tuesday nights. There is power to the Shack. Brockway Ferry-No report.
- g. Movies: No report.
- h. Summer Concerts: No report.
- i. Carnival: Commission waiting on Contract. Committee will use new signs as advertisement for event. Committee will meet to discuss additional features for this year. Carnival scheduled for Thursday, June 16-Saturday, June 18.
- j. Summer Program: All Counselors will be required to have CPR/First Aid Training. Committee will schedule class. Applications for Counselors are available on-line. Program will run for 8 weeks.
- k. 5-K Run/Walk: No Report.
- l. Family Day and Fireworks: No Report.
- m. Membership: Some spots available.
- n.

Old Business: The Commission agreed our current program registration system needed to be updated. The Commission researched other Town's registration programs. The Commission would like to see a software management system purchased for the Parks and Recreation Program. Morrissey made a motion to add \$3500.00 to 2016-2017 Budget for a Software Management Program. Seconded by Beardsley.

New Business: Skateboard Clinic: hours and cost to be determined. The Fishing Derby, Halloween, and Holiday Stroll committee would like to increase their budgets by \$200.00 each. The Summer Program will be increased as well due to the extension of the Program from 6 to 8 weeks. May 19 is Valley Community Day. All Parks and Recreation Committees need to have their to-do lists ready for the student volunteers.

Adjournment: Woodcock made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Seconded by Dexter.

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