



Town of Deep River Parks and recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2016

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Justin Waz at 7:07 pm on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Members present were: James Cunningham, Cristi-Downey, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Betsy Scholfield, Justin Waz and Stephani Award. Members absent were: James Beardsley, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Karen Dexter, Sarah Kateley, Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka and Leslie Sheehan. Carol Jones, Director, was also present.

Audience of Citizens: James Cunningham, Basketball Coach, is interested in running a Summer Skills Basketball Clinic at Plattwood Park. This program would run 5-6 weeks on Monday and Wednesday nights with two sessions 4:30 -6:30 and 6:30 to 8:30pm. Rain dates would be either scheduled for Thursday nights or Saturday mornings. The Skills program would be co-ed for 5th, 6th and 7th grade, 12 children in each session. Cunningham would charge \$25.00 per child per week with 10% going to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

John, Hannah and Arlene Morrison presented a proposal to the Commission about using Plattwood Park as a location to sell hot dogs, chips, water, soda and juice. Moristan is purchasing a portable hot dog cart, which would be removed daily. The hours would initially be 10 am -3 pm, 5 days a week. Morrison would adjust hours and days as the season progressed. Morrison would like to start June 15, 2016. He will get all necessary forms and documentation to Jones. Morrison will sign the concessionaire contract to be sent to him by Jones, which requires that 10% of profits be paid to the Commission.

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

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

#### Committee Reports:

- a. Fishing Derby- Successful. Committee will look to offset costs by soliciting local businesses next year. Children from Deep River were the only participants. Need to increase advertising for next year. Bushy Hill held a Fishing Derby at same time. Committee needs to look into combining events or re-scheduling event. Prizes were donated by local businesses as well as Cabela's. Committee is looking into a donation of breeder fish by local residents in order to cut costs for next year.
- b. Bus Trips- Committee needs more members as well as volunteers to chaperone trips. Trips may be curtailed during the summer months.
- c. Summer Concerts-Begins Thursday, June 23, 2016.
- d. Carnival- Weekend of June 16th -18th, 2016. Contract is signed. Committee members are organized as to their respective jobs, volunteers are needed for setup of event as well as clean up of event. The Committee is looking into including food trucks in this year's event. Committee chairs are researching food truck needs. Advertising and marketing of Carnival are to be addressed by committee members.
- e. Summer Programs- Begins June 20th and runs for 8 weeks. CIT's need to be in 9th grade. Applications are found on-line.
- f. Movies-No report.
- g. Easter Egg Hunt-No report.
- h. 5K Run/walk-No report.
- i. Family Day and Fireworks- No report.
- j. Memberships- No report.
- k. Parks- Devitt Field: Goal posts still need to be removed. Stairs leading from upper parking lot were re-built. The new baseball score board has been installed. Fertilizer was applied to both "A" and "B" field. Town Landing: Spindles have been replaced on fishing pier, decking finished. The Garden Club cleaned up the area in late April. Committee plans to add mulch on Valley in the Community Day. Plattwood Park: Garbage pickup needs to be changed to every Monday. Mowing of the new baseball field needs to be increased to two times a week, issues with field need to be resolved. Committee would like to build commemorative walkway and Memorial for the "Richard Smith Memorial Field". Engravable bricks could be sold to help fund walkway and memorial. Brockway Ferry- No report.

Old Business: Warriors in the Community Day, Thursday, May 19, 2016. Misfit Cruisers started May 10, 2016. They are looking to have a fundraiser on June 21, 2016. Buddy Track has begun and is well attended.

New Business: A motion was made by Waz to allow James Cunningham to hold a skills clinic at Plattwood Park, seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Scholfield to allow John Morrison to sell hot dogs out of a cart at Plattwood Park, seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously. A proposal from Monzelle Schmiedeck, was emailed to Jones regarding a request to use Plattwood Park for a Paddleboard Yoga class over the summer "Sup Yoga At Plattwood Park". Commission needs more information regarding the Town's insurance requirements before the Commission can vote on proposal.

Scholfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm, seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be June 8, 2016.

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