



Town Of Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Miriam Morrissey at 7:03 pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. Members present were: Cristi Stroud-Downey, Sarah Kateley, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka, Leslie Sheehan and Stephani Award. Members absent were: James Beardsley, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, James Cunningham, Karen Dexter, Betsy Scholfield, Don Sampson and Brandon Woodcock. Carol Jones, Director, was also present.

Audience of Citizens: None. One was on the agenda but canceled prior to the meeting via email.

Secretary's report: A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Sheehan and seconded by Kateley.

Treasurer's report: No report.

Committee Reports:

1. Fishing Derby- More fish, more fun, need more participants.
2. Bus Trips- No trips scheduled for July and August, 2016. October trip is planned- Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty. September trip has not been planned.
3. Summer Concerts- Scheduled.
4. Carnival- Volunteers needed to set up tables and chairs 8:00 am , Thursday, June 16 and to pack up chairs, 8:00 am, Sunday, June 19. Food Trucks are not available this year. Vendors need more lead time in order to participate in event. Committee hopes to schedule food trucks for next year. Committee plans on selling ice cream, water and candy in the Shack at Devitt's Field. Looking into selling pizza as well. Volunteers are needed to man the ticket booth as well as for general clean-up duties. Jones to reach out to Valley's interact club for volunteers.
5. Summer Program- Staff has been trained in First Aid and CPR; Some in medical administration as well as epi-pen. 11 staff attended the Ct Parks & Rec camp college held on June 4th in East Hartford.
6. Movies-No report.
7. Enrichment Program-No report.
8. Easter Egg Hunt-No report.
9. 5-K Run/Walk- No report.
10. Family Day and Fireworks- No report.
11. Membership- Commission needs more members.
12. Parks-
 - a. Devitt Field- New scoreboard very successful. Commission would like the current members of the Football Program to remove the football shack and property within. Graffiti needs to be removed. Jones to send a letter with specific date to have it removed. Jones meeting with playscape rep on Monday at the playground.

- b. Town Landing- Safety issues need to be addressed along the stone wall. New benches need to be purchased. Still some memorial plaques that need to be removed.
- c. Plattwood Park- Jones will have graffiti removed. Commission would like to see more "NO Smoking" signs. Jones will address Tuesday night parking issues with the Misfit Cruisers. After much discussion, the Commission would like to change the park rules in regards to four issues. The Commission made the following motions 1. No longer sell day passes at the gate. Only season passes will be available at the Town Clerk's office. 2. Allow Town residents to bring one carload of guests 3. Skateboard Park will remain free to Tri-Town residents with proof of residency but will not be open any longer during park hours to any other youth unless they are guests of a Deep River resident or they purchase a season pass. 4. 'No smoking' allowed in any of the town parks. The motions were made by Massey and seconded by Stroud-Downey. The motion passed unanimously. Jones will send these motions on to the Board of Selectman for their review as they affect the Parks and Recreation revenue line and the budget for 2016-2017 has already been passed.
- d. Brockway Ferry- Charles Burdick has again volunteered to mow the area.

Old Business-

- Warriors in the Community had a great turn-out.
- Misfit Cruisers is hosting a fundraiser on June 21, 2016 in honor of Dick Smith, with all proceeds going towards Plattwood Park. Jones asked all Commission members to plan to attend the cruise night that evening.
- The playground at Devitt Field was inspected by the Town Insurance Inspector. It was determined that the playground needs to be removed. Jones informed the Commission that the Board of Selectman has requested the Commission's Board of Officers attend the June 28th Board of Finance meeting to discuss the playground as well as other programs that the Commission runs through out the year. The Board of Finance will revisit the Parks and Recreation Commission's concerns and requests regarding the playground at Devitt Field.

New Business-

Should Town merchants be allowed to issue temporary day passes to the Town Landing to their customers? The Commission was not sure how this would increase or encourage visitor traffic in the Town. Commission tabled discussion and will discuss at the next meeting.

Sheehan made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Kateley. The motion passed unanimously.

There is no meeting in July. The next meeting of the Commission will be, Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephani Award, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission