



Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

Called to order 7:31 pm by Chairperson, Justin Waz. Members present were: Dave Berardis, Karen Dexter, Cristi Downes, Sarah Kateley, Grace Petroka, Don Sampson, Betsy Scholfield, Leslie Sheehan, Missy Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Justin Waz and Stephani Award. Members absent were: James Beardsley, James Cunningham, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby and Brandon Woodcock. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. This meeting was held on a Tuesday and was the September meeting originally scheduled for September 14, 2016.

Audience of Citizens: Lucy Newman. Ms. Newman is asking the Commission to sponsor an “open-mic” night at the Town Hall auditorium. This event would be an opportunity for people to display their artistic and musical talent the second Friday of every month, from 7-9pm. Ms. Newman will need to have people available for set-up and cleanup.

Secretary’s Report: The report was read and a motion was made by Sheehan to accept the report and a second motion was made by Downes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: The report was read and a motion was made by Sheehan to accept the report and a second motion was made by Dexter. The motion passed unanimously.

5K-Volunteers will need to be at Devitt’s Field by 6:30am for set-up.

Summer Concerts: No report.

Bus Trips: Kateley and Scholfield will be the chaperones on the October 12 bus trip. The trip is sold out. Kateley can only go if additional tickets can be secured as her children need to attend. Morrissey will chaperone the December bus trip to Radio City Music Hall. Jones has started scheduling bus trips for the 2017 season: March 15, CATS and June, Newport Flower Show.

Halloween: October 28. Scholfield and Kateley to discuss.

Summer Camp Program: Commission has received positive feedback from community about the program.

Movies: No report. Equipment needs to be upgraded.

Enrichment program: Mini classes will be canceled due to the fact that DRES now has a budget to offer the classes in house. The theater program will continued to be offered through Parks and Recreation. The title of the 2017 production has not yet been chosen. Morrissey reported that she is working with Jones to revise our registration and participation forms so that all information that can be requested of parents and guardians is covered.

Membership: No report.

Parks: Devitt Field, locks need to be changed on bathrooms due to unauthorized access. Broken glass on fields needs to be picked up. The lights need to be on a timer. The fields need to be watered more consistently. The area needs to be patrolled more frequently to prevent vandalism. Dug-outs need to be cleaned. This is a great opportunity for those in need of community service hours. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, September 19 with the people providing the Playscape to discuss installation needs as well as current playscape removal needs. Commission will solicit help from the Community as well as from the Town Crew for installation of new playscape and removal of old playscape.

Town Landing: Gazebo needs to be re-painted. Plaque on floor of gazebo needs to be repaired. The dingy dock needs to be repaired. Plattwood Park: The Commission would like to see 6 benches and 4 picnic tables installed at Plattwood Park as part of Michael Berardis' Eagle Scout Project. The Misfit Cruisers are at Plattwood Park May-September. The fountain in the pond at Plattwood Park is broken and needs to be repaired. Brockway Ferry: No report.

Basketball: The season runs 6 weeks. Forms are available on-line. The deadline is October 26. Sign up with a late fee is available until November 2. The grades available for play are K-6 and 7-12. The 7-9 and 10-12 grade draft will be held November 9 and the 1-6 grade draft will be held November 10. The drafts will be held at the ambulance barn. Older players, 7-12 grade, will have their names and numbers on their jerseys. Younger players, 1-6 grade, will have numbers on their jerseys. There will be a coaches clinic on January 3-4 and a referee clinic on January 4. Referees must be in ninth grade, at least, to participate in the clinic.

Old Business: Correction to meeting minutes -Sarah Kateley was not at the Parks and Recreation Meeting Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

New Business: Jones will meet with Auditorium Committee to discuss details and requirements of hosting an “open mic” night. Ms. Newman needs to provide a schematic of chair design to Commission. Commission is interested in sponsoring event but needs more details from Ms. Newman.

Meeting adjourned 9:22pm. A first motion was made to adjourn by Morrissey and a second was made by Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 12, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephani Award, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission