



Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2016

Called to order 7:07 pm by Betsy Scholfield. Members present were: Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Betsy Schofield, Leslie Sheehan, Cristi Stroud-Downes, Justin Waz and Stephani Award. Members absent were: James Beardsley, Dave Berardis, James Cunningham, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Karen Dexter, Sarah Kateley, Grace Petroka, Don Sampson and Brandon woodcock. Carol Jones, Director, was not present. The P & R basketball program is holding it's player draft tonight so Berardis, Woodcock, K. Crosby and Jones are attending that.

Audience of Citizens-None present

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 Stroud-Downes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Halloween Event: Well attended.
- B. Bus Trips: December's trip to Radio City Music Hall is sold out. "CATS" is the March bus trip. Stroud-Downey suggested bus trip to New Haven Symphony in September.
- C. Holiday Stroll: Saturday, December 3. Commission members are reminded to bring 1 dozen cookies. There will be carriage rides, a gingerbread house competition, hot chocolate and cookies.
- D. Movies: Committee would like to see movies available during the winter in the Town Hall Auditorium.

E. Enrichment Program: "Big Bad Musical" is this year's play. There is a cast of 19. Rehearsals start November 10. Performances are Saturday, February 4 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, February 5 at 11:00 am.

F. Parks: Devitt's Field: Playscape is installed. Town Landing: No report. Plattwood Park: No report. Brockway Ferry: Area was mowed by Charles Burdick. He noticed a chain link fence submerged in the water. He is willing to remove fence if it is determined to be Town property.

Old Business: The on-line administrative computer program the Parks and Recreation Commission would like to see installed in the director's office has been green-lighted by the first selectman for a six month trial period. This program would eliminate the need to hire an assistant for the director. The first selectman and the commission would like to have the computer program ready for summer camp sign-up.

New Business: Commission member Stroud-Downes would like to see the commission create a letter which would identify all the events the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission put on and allow the local business to mark which event they would like to financially support. This would eliminate the need to continuously ask the business community for support, as Parks and Recreation puts on events throughout the year.

Basketball- Registration is closed for grades 7-12. Numbers are low for the 7-9 grade. Numbers are good for 10-12 grade. Player draft is tonight at the DR ambulance barn.

Budget: All Parks and Recreation Committees need to have their fiscal budgets in by February 1, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. A first motion to adjourn was made by Sheehan and a second was made by Scholfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to the bus trip scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, the commission meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephani Award
Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission