



Deep River Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017

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

Chairman Waz announced that the order of the agenda would have Audience of Citizens followed by New Business.

Audience of Citizens: There were three: Misfit Cruisers-to speak about their park use application; Ryan Douglas-Eagle Scout candidate to speak about his proposed Eagle Scout Project; Dianna Elwood-to propose a new program idea.

Misfit Cruisers-Don Brookes told the Commission that his group was not filing a park use application as the group has found a new venue for his weekly car shows. He will be submitting an invoice to the Commission as he feels that the Commission should pay for the car trophies since they will not be at Plattwood Park this season.

Ryan Douglas-proposed building a gate house at the Town landing. He has met with the First Selectman and a representative from the Highway crew as well as Jones. The 4'x7' gate house would be able to be moved so that it can be stored at the highway garage during the winter months. He did not bring a drawing to show the Commission so will attend another meeting to submit the drawings with dimensions, features, etc. to the group.

Dianna Elwood-experienced fitness instructor for over 25 years, lives locally, wants to hold a SUP Barre class at Plattwood Park. It would run one or two evenings a week. SUP Barre is a mix of elements of Pilates, dance, yoga and functional training on a stand up paddle board. All participants would have to have their own board.

New Business: Mr. Jim Olson, a Deep River resident, submitted a park use application to hold a bi-monthly antique/collectible car show at Plattwood Park. His group is called the 'Tri-Town Cruisers'. He would hold the event on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. He requested a waiver of the insurance requirement as well as the requirement for the constable. He would not charge attendees and he would make sure to allow use of the park, complete with reserved parking spaces, to patrons entering to use the facility during the hours of the event should they be residents or cars displaying a park permit. . No food vendor established yet.

Discussion of the Audience of Citizens and New Business followed:

The Commission was in favor of the SUP Barre class provided that Dianne Elwood has a waiver that participants sign that has been approved by the Town of Deep River's attorney, Jane Marsh. Jones to discuss the contents of said waiver with Marsh and will contact the Town's insurance carrier to discuss class details and the Town's liability. The Commission is also requiring Elwood to hold liability insurance, proper credentials to run such a class as well as be First Aid/CPR certified. Pending all of this, Scholfield made a motion to allow the class. T. Woodcock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission spoke about the Tri-Town Cruisers application and was happy to have a car group at Plattwood since the Misfit Cruisers had decided to vacate the park. T. Woodcock made a motion to allow the Tri-Town Cruisers to use Plattwood Park to hold a bi-monthly car show if all the conditions that were established for the Misfit Cruisers' use in the March 2017 Park and Recreation meeting minutes are met. The motion was seconded by B. Woodcock and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the report was made by T. Woodcock. A second was made by Dexter. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Committee Reports:

- A. Open Mic Night- Next one has been moved from April 28th to Friday, April 21 @ 7:00 pm in the Deep River Town Hall. The Open Mic events have been well attended and continue to attract different people each month. The event will end on Friday, May 19th.
- B. Bus Trips- The bus trip to "CATS" on Broadway did not sell out. Jones to offer for sale the unused tickets which can be used for an upcoming performance of 'CATS' by calling in the morning to see if any tickets are available for that day's show. The theater will honor the ticket in that case. The bus trip scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th to the Brooklyn Botanical garden is not selling well. Jones to cancel the trip by Friday, April 14th, if ticket sales do not pick up. Need to put trips on social media.
- C. Fishing Derby –Saturday, May 13, 2017. Fish have been ordered and will be stocked on Wednesday, May 10th. Scholfield will work on getting prizes and advertising.
- D. Carnival- June 15th-17th. Food Trucks and possible crafters will be added to this year's carnival. Discussion as to whether to leave the restrooms open or just allow use of port-o-lets. Discussion to be continued at later date regarding this. Lions club will sell hotdogs and hamburgers but no fried dough.

- E. Movies-Spring movie with DRES PTO is a possibility; it would be an adult drama or comedy. Newman to check to see if any funds are left to do this.
- F. Summer camp- registration is going well. Many parents are utilizing the new online software program, RecDesk to register their children. T.Woodcock posted seasonal job opportunities on the Parks and Rec Face Book page.
- G. Basketball-Invoice arrived for use of the gym at Mount Saint John. Jones to review.
- H. Enrichment Program-The theater program recently held a screening of their production of "The Big Bad Musical" in the Town Hall Auditorium. The DVD's were made by students in the Valley Regional High School film department that P & R hired to film the production.
- I. Easter Egg Hunt –Due to inclement weather predicted for Saturday, April 1st, the egg hunt was moved to the 'rain' date of Sunday, April 2nd. The Easter Bunny arrived by fire truck. The Commission is very appreciate of the fire department, especially Pete Waz for transporting the bunny to Devitt Field. The egg hunt seemed to be not as well attended as those in the past.
- J. Parks-
 1. Devitt Field –Opening Day of DRLL is April 22, 2017. Water is turned on.
 2. Town Landing- No report. Discussion regarding gate house presented by Eagle Scout will be tabled until drawings and specifics are presented.
 3. Plattwood Park- New scoreboard will be ordered shortly. Power has been reconnected to pavilion. Paving and islands in the parking lot scheduled to be completed next week. Water is being turned on next week. Baseball field will be fertilized and treated Thursday, April 13th. DRLL has been notified to stay off the fields for 24 hours post treatment.
 4. Brockway Ferry- No report

Old Business- New park use rules and proposed changes to existing park rules voted on by the Commission have been delivered to the First Selectman for review.

Adjournment –A motion was made by B. Woodcock to adjourn the meeting. Scholfield seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director
Acting Secretary