



Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2017

The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 by Betsy Scholfield. The members present were: Betsy Scholfield, Crist Stroud-Downes, Miriam Morrissey, Tracy Woodcock, Stephani Award, Leslie Sheehan, Missy Massey and Director, Carol Jones. Members absent were: Don Sampson, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, Jim Cunningham, Karen Dexter, Brandon Woodcock, James Beardsley, Sarah Kately, Justin Waz and Grace Petroka.

Audience of Citizens: Jim and Kim Olsen approached the commission about setting up a Little Free Library book exchange at one of the Town parks. According to the organization's website, Little Free Library is a "non-profit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world." Kim Olsen would be the steward of the library.

The Olsen's are concerned with trespassers on their property. They would like to see "No Trespassing" signs placed on the Town property that abuts their personal property.

Potential New Members: Chris Mara and Elizabeth Taran

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the report was made by Sheehan and a second was made by Woodcock. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Family Day/5K: Committee needs to discuss the parking/shuttle situation at Plattwood Park and the 1 mile run start time for next year.
- B. Halloween: The Halloween committee is planning a "Trunk or Treat event" which will take place on October 28, 2017 from 6-8:00 pm at Devitt Field. A DJ will be part of the festivities as well as games, a costume parade, and prizes given to the top two best decorated trunks. Set-up by P & R at Devitt will begin at 3:00 pm. Vehicles must arrive between 5:00-5:45 pm with trunk judging at 5:45 pm. Public arrives at 6:00 pm. Event runs from 6:00-8:00 pm. The outside of the Town Hall will be decorated on Thursday, October 19th.
- C. Basketball: Registration now open and forms are available on-line.
- D. Theater Program: Ever After, The Musical was chosen as this year's production. Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 16, 17. The play is scheduled for the first weekend in February 2018.

- E. Holiday Stroll: Friday, December 9. There will be a 5k Jingle Run at 9:00am that morning run by the Region 4 Foundation. Committee needs to firm up parade route and event plans. The Old Lyme Town Band will perform at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
- F. Bus Trips: No bus trips scheduled for the rest of the year.
- G. Carnival/Food Truck: Mara presented new ideas (corporate sponsorship, tribute bands and parent wristbands) for the committee to consider for next year.
- H. Parks: Devitt Field: The cameras are installed and working, The water will be shut off after the Halloween event. Town Landing: Eagle Scout project (R. Douglas) for movable Guard Booth is underway. The location is staked out. Woodcock made a motion to accept the location and a second was made by Morrissey. The motion passed unanimously. The color has been determined and needs to match the snack shack at Plattwood Park. Plattwood Park: Due to the Memorial Bench Program offered by the Town, the Eagle Scout bench and picnic table project (M. Berardis) at Plattwood Park will be modified to require more picnic tables than previously agreed on and less benches as previously proposed. Also, the placement of the hand made benches will be restricted to around the fitness area and the Memorial Benches will be placed around the Park. A motion was made by Woodcock to accept the change to the Eagle Scout project and a second was made by Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously. Brockway Ferry: No report.

Old Business: New Park Rules and Signage-tabled.

New Business: Little Free Library: Commission voted to accept the proposal of Kim Olsen and allow her to set up a Little Free Library at Plattwood Park as well as allow Olsen to become the steward. The Commission voted to have the little library structure either attached or next to the northeast side of the gatehouse. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Woodcock and a second motion was made by Morrissey. The motion passed unanimously.

Massey requested a meeting with the Summer Program Committee to set up new administrative guidelines for the 2018 Summer Program.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:40pm by Morrissey and a second was made by Woodcock. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephani Award, Secretary
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