



Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:16pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 by Chairperson Justin Waz. Members present were: Betsy Scholfield, Miriam Morrissey, Justin Waz, Don Sampson, Tracy Woodcock, and Brandon Woodcock. Members absent were: Missy Massey, Tania Crosby, Dave Berardis, Karen Dexter, Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Jim Cunningham, Sarah Kateley, Chris Marra, Elizabeth Taran, Leslie Sheehan and Stephani Award..

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

Treasurer's report: A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by T.Woodcock and seconded by Waz. The motion passed unanimously. Morrissey mentioned FY 18-19 budget is due and the Commission's 5 year Capital Expenditure Projection.

Committee Reports:

- Theater: The play was a success. There will be a viewing party on Thursday, April 5th at the Town Hall Auditorium; all DVD's will be handed out at this time.
- Basketball: Grades 7-12 season ended with a tournament on March 3rd. The tournament for the program's senior high school players which is in its second year, called the Senior Bowl, will be played on March 16th at Valley Regional's gym. The committee recognized an outstanding coach to our program, Mr. Todd Kruszewski by presented him with a basketball in a display case that was engraved. The ball was signed by all of the players and staff in this year's league. We are offering a spring basketball clinic for girls in grades 5-7 as well as a summer men's league to be played outside at Plattwood. The committee reported that they would like to purchase two new basketball holders for DRES storage.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Date of Event is Saturday, 3/24 with rain date of Sunday, 3/31. Some concern regarding all of the snow but the Commission decided to hold it as scheduled but push the rain date up a week if the 24th gets snowed out.
- Fishing Derby: Scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018. Working on securing sponsorships and will be pricing fish from a different vendor.
- Bus Trips: The Committee met and will have six (maybe 7 trips) trips this year, one in every month from May through October. Also looking to add on a football game in late November or early December.

- Carnival: Scheduled for June 14-16, 2018. Committee met with the Resident State Trooper and First Selectman and it was decided that we will try a beer tent this year. Met with the Food truck organizer as well. Trying to secure some advertisers so that entertainment can be secured for the entire carnival.
- Summer program: Registration is available online. CIT applications and counselor applications have been received and interviews will be set up shortly. All weeks are about 1/3 full. After a brief discussion about the school calendar now that school will be dismissing for the summer later than planned due to severe weather closings, it was decided that camp will begin as scheduled on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. If the last day of school should change again, the start of camp will be pushed back to Thursday and so on as needed.
- Summer Concerts: Committee met 2/21/18 and all bands have been scheduled. Committee is working on securing restaurants to sell food at the weekly shows. The new name of the series will be "Sounds of Summer-music and a meal".
- Movies: Movies begin on July 27th and last Friday in July and continue for the next three Fridays in August. Newman has booked all of the movies. The lineup is as follows: 'Jumanii', 7/27; 'Coco', 8/3; 'A Wrinkle in Time', 8/10; 'Paddington 2', 8/17
- Family Day: the contract for the fireworks has been signed and the DJ hired. Jones will confirm with the Lions Club that they will sell food again that evening at Plattwood. Mt. Saint John's has a new director who wants to have the school involved with family day activities on the campus.
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- Parks:
 - Devitt Field: Jones getting new proposals for fertilizing and seeding at Town Parks.
 - Town Landing: No report
 - Brockway Ferry: the broken fence in the water does not belong to the town.
 - Plattwood Park: Skateboard park needs to be repaired. Jones to look into industry standards for such work. Jones getting prices for internet to gate house and also has purchased a license plate reading camera to be installed near gate house.

Old Business: Gatehouse Eagle Scout Project: R.Douglas was asked to submit a materials list with cost information so that the Commission can approve spending the exact dollar amount. It will be the policy of the P & R Commission moving forward for all Eagle Scout candidates that are requesting funds from the Commission that they submit a detailed, itemized materials list complete with cost information so that the Commission can vote on the request right away. This will avoid the back and forth that seems to happen currently. The Commission would also prefer that materials needed for any project are purchased from local Deep River merchants/businesses when possible.

Old Business (cont.): Volleyball clinics have been successful and will end early April due to a few clinics being canceled due to severe weather. Youth Dance Class: A new program for youth ages 3-12 will be taught by Deep River resident Jennifer Erkkila. The classes will be taught in 2 sessions, at the Blue Moon Yoga Studio, 125 Main Street, from 7/9 -8/28. The cost is \$50.00 per session. The Commission voted to sponsor this program as it hadn't been voted on previously pending all the details. T.Woodcock made a motion to have the Commission sponsor this program and Morrissey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jones still trying to find out about the proposed yoga program if it moving forward.

New member recruitment: Members needed.

New Business/New Programs: A community member asked the Commission to look into sponsoring a pickle ball league. Jones will look into this.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:01 pm by B. Woodcock, seconded by Waz. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director

Acting Secretary

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