



Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 11, 2018

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:06 pm on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 by Co-Chairperson Betsy Scholfield. Other members present were: Miriam Morrissey, Tracy Woodcock, Chris Marra and Leslie Sheehan. Members absent were: Brandon Woodcock, Missy Massey, Tania Crosby, Dave Berardis, Karen Dexter, Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Jim Cunningham, Sarah Kateley, Elizabeth Taran, Stephani Award, Justin Waz and Don Sampson. Director Carol Jones was also in attendance.

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

Treasurer's report: Morrissey presented the secretary's report. The budget has been turned in and Morrissey and Jones meet with Board of Finance to discuss. Morrissey requested a change to how the Commission's expenditures are tracked. BOF will take into consideration. A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by T.Woodcock and seconded by Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Fishing Derby: Scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018. The fish have been ordered and delivery is set for Wednesday or Thursday of the week of the derby. Because the new vendor, Beaverkill Trout Hatchery, is out of state, a DEEP permit (Fish- PP-001) had to be filled out and filed. The permit is required to transport live fish into the state.
- Basketball: The winter basketball season has concluded; we are still waiting on the custodian's bill from the schools. J.Cunningham, has organized a program for 5-7th grade girls which will run for nine weeks. The clinic began on Wednesday, April 4th and will run through Wednesday, June 6th. We are also offering an 8 week men's summer basketball league with games to be played on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from May 23rd through July 12th at Plattwood Park. T.Woodcock reported sad news that the outstanding coach that was recognized for his contributions to the basketball program, Mr. Todd Kruszewski has passed away. The committee decided to name one of the two scholarships that are offered for basketball (or an athletic program) after Todd and will also name the other scholarship after Dennis O'Keefe, a former coach who passed away in 2013.
- Carnival/Food Truck Festival: Imperial Shows will be providing rides and new this year, they will provide the man power in the ticket booth. Marra and Jones are working on securing food trucks as food truck promoter, Rob Ferrie, US Food Fest who worked with the town in 2017 has not returned several dozen messages. The carnival will run from June 14-16, 2018. There will be a beer tent; the First Selectman and Resident State

Trooper are on board with this idea. Marra is working on trying to secure sponsors so that entertainment can be lined up for the entire duration of the carnival.

- Bus Trips: The trips are all planned, posters made and are being advertised.
- Summer Concerts: All concerts have been booked. Committee is working on lining up restaurants to be on site during each concert to sell food. The Committee wants to reach out to new restaurants with a letter explaining what is expected of them and giving all the details of the event.
- Summer program: Registrations are going well and are available online. Committee decided to offer two full time counselor positions this year as the camp moves towards all full time staff in the future. The full time positions would be offered to returning senior staff. Interviews are set for Thursday, April 26th.
- 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. Posters have been made.
- Easter Egg Hunt: The event went well. The weather cooperated and there was not much snow or mud at the field after all. Attendance was low, so committee will look into opening the egg hunt to all local youth and not just Deep River residents.
- Theater: There was a viewing party on Thursday, April 5th and all the participants received their production DVD. There will be a wrap meeting on Thursday, April 26th.
- Family Day: Jones confirmed with the Lions Club that they will sell food again that evening at Plattwood.
- Holiday Stroll- committee will meet soon
- Parks:
 - Devitt Field: Greenscape out of Clinton CT has been contracted to do the fertilizing and seeding at the Town Parks. They have done the first treatment. DRLL opening day is Sat. April 28th. Water will be turned out this week or next.
 - Town Landing: Garden Club will do a cleanup on April 17th and the Ct Divers Club will be cleaning the river as an Earth Day project on Sunday, April 22nd.
 - Brockway Ferry: No report
 - Plattwood Park: License Plate reader camera has been installed. Scoreboard install is scheduled. Still hoping to have it ready to go for opening day dedication. P & R will hold a ceremony to dedicate the scoreboard to the late First Selectman, Richard Smith. Water will be turned on shortly.

Old Business: Gatehouse Eagle Scout Project is moving forward. R. Douglas was asked to submit a materials list with cost info so that the Commission can approve spending the exact dollar amount. Jones presented the materials list emailed from Douglas. The Commission voted to spend up to \$150.00 for paint and supplies if needed for the new gate house. Again, the Commission emphasized that those doing work for the town should try hard to secure needed materials from Deep River businesses when possible. The other Eagle project being done for the town, scout M. Berardis has reported that the benches are almost completed. Jones to follow up to get install dates when available.

New member recruitment: Members needed.

New Business/New Programs: Tennis clinic to be offered in June. Tentative dates if courts are available would be: Monday and Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm and 5:00-6:00 pm from June 4-27th for 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds. Estimated to cost \$75.00 but still to be determined. The other new program Jones is looking into is pickle ball.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Sheehan and seconded by Marra. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director
Acting Secretary
Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission