



The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
**Monday, September 10, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairperson Justin Waz. The meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday night due to the anticipated lack of a quorum as a result of a school activity. Members present were: Tracy Woodcock, Brandon Woodcock, Chris Marra, Betsy Scholfield, Miriam Morrissey and Director, Carol Jones. Members absent were: Karen Dexter, Missy Massey, Stephani Award, Tania Crosby, Kevin Crosby, Don Simpson, Dave Berardis, Jim Cunningham, Elizabeth Taran, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kateley and Leslie Sheehan.

**Audience of Citizens:** none

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by T.Woodcock, 2nd by Marra. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Motion made by Marra, 2nd by T.Woodcock. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- Family Day/5K: Discussion regarding the upcoming Family Day 5K. Rebranded the 'Fife and Drum 5K Run' as the committee would like to create a bigger draw. The two water stations need 4 gallon containers and 100 cups each. Need better signage at the field. A total of 7 tables would be ideal. For the fireworks at Plattwood, T.Woodcock, Scholfield, Sheehan and B. Woodcock will cover the shack; handle glow stick sales, the DJ, lights, etc.
- Halloween - Will again be a trunk or treat event at Devitt Field. Time changed to 3:00-5:00 pm. DJ, balloons, games, free popcorn and food truck will be present.
- Basketball –Anticipate starting practices November 26<sup>th</sup>. The season for younger kids will end on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Valley Cup tournament for grades 9-12 will be weekend of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. T.Woodcock looking into mandatory training for coaches.
- Holiday Stroll –There will be a committee meeting on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Date of the stroll set for Saturday, December 8, 2018. Jones to make up flyers regarding the proposed light parade.
- Theater program-The play has been chosen-"Tut Tut" with try outs in mid-October and the production set for February 2 – 3rd, 2019. A new Director has been hired.
- Carnival- Committee meeting set for September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm.
- Summer Concerts- committee to look into cutting back the number of concerts so that we can afford different bands.
- Summer Program: Wrap up meeting went well. New ideas for camp themes and trips were discussed. Also ways to improve the camp and all of the things that went well were talked about and noted. One idea was to ask for adult volunteers to go on trips etc.
- Movies: Went well but still struggling with low attendance.

- **Bus Trips:** Jones stated that many trips were canceled due to low enrollment. Looking ahead to 2019, the committee will decide if bus trips will be offered. Tickets are still available for the NFL football game on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>; Patriots vs, Jets game in New Jersey. The bus trip committee will also meet on September 18, 2018.

**Parks:** Devitt Field: No report. Town Landing: New signage has been installed. Guard is utilizing new gate guard shack recently installed. Plattwood Park: New signage has been installed. Vandalism occurred again in the men's restroom. Someone drew with black permanent marker on the walls of the men's stall and the urinal. Since the sink was smashed in August, Jones has decided to close the restrooms right after family day since there is not a lot of people utilizing the park this time of year and vandalism seems to be reoccurring there. Typically they are left open through October. Brockway Ferry: no report.

**Old Business:** Eagle Scout Projects: all the work has been done with regards to the Eagle Scout Projects. P & R is waiting for the Town crew to do the install of the plank style benches at Plattwood Park.

**New Business:** Jones has been in contact with a company that runs a flag football program. She will reach out to men's softball to see if it would work with their schedule as the program would utilize the Devitt football field. Other ideas are a corn hole or spike ball tournament.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:51 pm by T. Woodcock and seconded by Scholfield. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director  
Deep River Parks and Recreation