



The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2018

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Betsy Schofield on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:10 pm. Members present were: Dave Berardis, Tracy Woodcock, Betsy Schofield, Chris Marra and Stephani Award. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. Members absent were: Brandon Woodcock, Miriam Morrissey, Kevin Crosby, Karen Dexter, Leslie Sheehan, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kately, Don Sampson, Elizabeth Taran and Justin Waz.

Secretary's report for September 2018 was approved. A motion was made by Woodcock and seconded by Award. There were no Commission meetings in October or November.

The Treasurer's report for December was approved. A motion was made by Marra and seconded by Woodcock.

Committee Reports:

- Holiday Event: Held December 8 with approximately 15 vehicles. Committee will look to make some changes in logistics and timing for next year. Some additional thoughts would be to include tractors in the parade and utilize a PA system to make announcements (Santa's arrival, name of float, the tree lighting) and perhaps change the date so as not to coincide with other Towns' holiday events. Overall, the event was well attended and everyone had a good time.
- Basketball: The current season has 8 teams with approximately 60 9-12 graders, 2-3 grade has approximately 5 teams of boys and 4 teams of girls total (all three towns) and 4-6 grade has 1 team of each. In addition to inter-league play, the current high school league will play approximately 8 games against Portland. Joining our league this year, is 1 team from Groton Sub Base (giving us 8 teams total).
- Theater Program: New Director: Leslie Strauss, play practice is every Tuesday and Thursday. The play will be the first weekend of February. Adult volunteers needed.
- Bus Trips: 4 bus trips are scheduled for the 2019 season. The first trip is the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 2. The 2nd trip is a Broadway Play scheduled for March 27. The third trip is scheduled for September and is to the Newport Dinner Theater and the 4th trip is to Giant's Stadium to see the Jets v. Patriots date TBA. Possibility to add a Red Sox game for May.
- Halloween Event: was canceled due to weather and the rain date did not work for most people scheduled to participate so the event was canceled all together.
- Family Day/5K: 5K not well attended. Committee needs to decide if 5K should continue due to low participation.

- Carnival/Food Truck: New carnival vendors and new dates.
- Summer Concerts: No report.
- Summer Program: Camp Director and Assistant Director have been invited back for the 2019 Summer Program. Committee to discuss the idea of allowing parents to chaperone field trips if needed.
- Fishing Derby: No report but date set of May 11, 2019.
- Movies at the Beach: Committee needs to meet and discuss changes to the program due to low numbers.
- Parks: Devitt Field- water turned off and winterized. Plattwood Park-water turned off and winterized. Committee needs to meet to discuss the summer pass issue. Committee would like to see a gate at Plattwood Park to discourage private use of Town dumpsters and to help prevent vandalism. Brockway Ferry- No report.

Old Business: Pickleball has been a success; will continue through March 2019.

New Business: Flag Football April 28-June 16 open to 1-6 grade and will be co-ed.

Committee chairs need to be voted on for 2019.

Committee Budgets are due at the January meeting.

Due to low attendance from commission members, the past two monthly meeting have been canceled due to a lack of a quorum. To help with attendance, a discussion regarding meeting dates for 2019 was held and the idea of holding the monthly P & R meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month vs, the current second Wednesday of the month was proposed. The Commission voted to try switching the monthly meeting to the first Thursday to see if that would help attendance so the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 instead of Wednesday, January 9th.

A motion was made at 9:05pm to adjourn by Berardis and a second was made by Marra. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Stephani Award, Secretary
 Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission