



The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2019

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Betsy Schofield on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:15 pm. Members present were: Betsy Scholfield, Sarah Vicca, Tracy Woodcock, Chris Marra and Miriam Morrissey. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. Members absent were: Stephani Award, Brandon Woodcock, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Karen Dexter, Leslie Sheehan, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kateley, Don Sampson, Elizabeth Taran and Justin Waz.

Audience of Citizen's- Life Scout Anthony Joia presented his Eagle Scout project to the commission for approval. Joia will create a hiking/walking trail at Plattwood Park to the south of the basketball courts running due east. The trail will then curve so that it will terminate to the north east of the left field foul pole to the east of the concrete fitness trail. The trail will be marked and will be covered with natural substrate, such as wood chips. Joia is looking for funding from the Commission to help defray costs of the project. The Commission asked Joia to work up an estimate and get that information to Jones so that it can be voted on at the next meeting. The Commission would also like a time table of the work to be performed.

Secretary's report was presented and approved. A motion was made by T. Woodcock and seconded by Marra.

The Treasurer's report for December was approved. A motion was made by Marra and seconded by T.Woodcock.

Committee Reports:

- Basketball: The season concludes in early March. An end of season tournament, the Valley Cup, will be held on March 2nd for grades 9-12. No issues this year except at lower grades where due to low numbers, some teams were combined with Chester and Essex. An end of season wrap up meeting will take place on March 12. The seniors (grade 12 players) will again participate in the 'senior bowl' tourney which will take place during the week of March 4th at a date TBD. There are four teams of seniors.
- Theater Program – Went well overall. Production of 'Tut Tut'. This year P & R hired a Valley HS student (who is also a camp counselor) to help out with the students during practices, rehearsals and during the show. Having this extra help worked out great; the program made less money though. New director, Leslie Strauss did a wonderful job. Opened the program up to 4th grade students this year. Typically it has only been 5-6 grade. One issue with a child who had missed too many practice sessions and was given another part.

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- Bus Trips- Philly flower show will be run as a shared bus on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Broadway trip to “Come From Away” on March 27, 2019 is not selling well. Red Sox trip for May 18th is selling slowly, but still early for that one.
- Easter Egg Hunt- will be on Saturday, April 6th with a rain date of Sunday, April 7th. Open to all area kids pre-K through grade 6.
- Fishing Derby- Will be Saturday, May 11, 2019. Tony Camire has volunteered to help out once again.
- Carnival- dates of the annual event will be changed so that it is not on the VRHS graduation weekend. Dates need to be set and a company that can accommodate them found and contract signed. The sub-committee will meet on Sunday, 24th @ 7:00 pm. Beer truck will be lined up. New banner will need to be purchased for across the road. Food trucks will be organized by carnival committee.
- Summer Concerts-committee will meet on February 20th at a time and place to be determined.
- Movies-No report
- Summer camp- Registrations are open and starting to come in.
- 5K/Family Day- Jones has signed the contract for the fireworks.
- Halloween Event – No report
- Holiday Stroll- Plaques have not yet been made and given to the winning lighted parade participants.
- Parks-
 - Plattwood- After discussion, motion made by Morrissey and seconded by T. Woodcock to give ½ price seasonal passes for residents of Essex, Chester, Killingworth, Higganum and Haddam. Also, to allow day pass sales at the gate house M-T only; no holidays or weekends. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Devitt- No report
 - Brockway Ferry- No report
 - Town Landing-No report
- New Business- Slate of officers elected for 2019-2020. Motion made by Marra and seconded by Vicca to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Slate of officers is as follows: Chairperson-Betsy Scholfield, Vice Chair-Tracy Woodcock, Secretary-Stephani Award, Treasurer-Miriam Morrissey.
- Motion made by Marra, seconded by Morrissey to approve Eagle Scout Project as presented by A. Joia for Plattwood Park. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morrissey and seconded by Marra to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Jones, Director
Deep River Parks & Recreation Commission