

Town of Deerfield
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
November 15, 2012

Call to Order

06:05: by Chairman Dwight Barnes

Present

Committee Members: Dwight Barnes, Julie DeCosta, Frank Diaz, Jeff Shute, Ernie Robert, *Parks & Rec Director:* Joe Manzi

Citizen's Comments

N/A

Minutes

approved

Tim Sample Event

- Reschedule to January 27, 2013 at 6 PM
- New posters will be made by P&R
- Banners- Jeff will see if they can just be updated with the new date & time.
- D&R Committee members should contact those they sold tickets to so ensure they know of the new date and time.

Youth Sports Coordinator Position

- Add was put out for a part-time position
- Joe interviewed candidate & Dwight has met him. Candidate to be offered the position pending background check.

Selectmen's Meeting and Parks & Recreation Budget

- The Board of Selectmen (BOS) decided to cut the Deerfield Parks & Recreation (DPR) budget by \$20,000. The DPR budget is the salary of the director.
- The BOS think that the DPR revolving account can be used to fund the rest of the DPR Director's salary.
- The committee discussed their disagreement with this decision and thoughts on how to address the BOS in the upcoming meeting on November 19, 2012.
- Several facts were discussed including that the revolving account allows the DPR department to run its programs (both those that make money and those that don't) without an impact to the taxpayers. The revolving account also affords the department to use the funds to add new programs in a timely manner; respond to requests from town residents to add or improve programs; to care for the field (cutting, repair and maintenance); offer scholarships (Joe Stone Good Sport Scholarship); maintain and repair basketball and tennis courts as needed; purchase replacement van for the program; and to assist the town with the cost of replacing a furnace in the GB White building.

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- The funds in the revolving account are from programs that are used and/or supported by town residents.
- Without the revolving account or with less funds in the account, programs and/or facilities may not receive the funds needed to maintain them.

Meeting Ended 7:30 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2012 at 6 PM (GB White Building).

Julie DeCosta
(Acting Clerk)