



Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes Monthly Meeting- March 9, 2022

The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on 3/9/22. The meeting was held in a hybrid format; both in person & via zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chris Marra at 7:03 pm. Members present were: treasurer Miriam Morrissey, Jan Edgerton, Siobhan Stack, Dave Berardis, and Eliza Patterson. Members absent were: Leslie Sheehan, Sarah Kateley, Brandon Woodcock, Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Elizabeth Taran. Director, Carol Jones was also in attendance.

Audience of Citizens: None

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: No report was presented.

Committee Reports:

- Basketball- Season ended on March 5th with an end of year tourney for grades 9-12.
- Easter Egg hunt – The event will be held on Saturday, April 9th. Egg stuffing will be done at S.Kateley's house. Volunteers needed for day of event. Easter bunny will be delivered to the field by the DRFD. Jones to confirm. The hunt will begin at 11:00 sharp. Rain date is Sunday, April 10th. Open to all area youth grades PreK-through grade 6. Kateley will purchase prizes for each age group.
- Fishing Derby-scheduled for May 7th rain or shine. Jones will check with J.Olsen, neighbor, about hanging the net under their covered bridge at the east end of the pond. Cost of fish has gone up, now \$2700.00. Jones to post on FB and make posters. Help needed for day of event and on day when fish are delivered.
- Bus Trips-Football game for fall is in the works. No other trips planned.
- Summer Concerts-will begin June 30th and end on August 4th. Two make up dates, 8/11, and 8/18 are reserved. Band line up still being finalized.
- Deep River Music Festival-First ever festival being planned with C. Marra as chairperson of subcommittee. Marra and Jones met with First Selectman about securing AARPA funds. Jones and Marra will also attend a Board of Finance meeting to discuss funding. Plans are for a three-day festival with live bands playing throughout the day at various venues throughout the town. For 2022, P & R would start with a one day event and expand it to the 3 day format in 2023 if the funding can be secured. Date of the festival for 2022 is Sat. 6/18th.
- Family Day/5K- 30th year for 5K so committee wants to do something more festive, such as hiring a DJ to play at Devitt and to also have music at the landing during the race. Date is Saturday, September 17th. Fireworks will be held that night as well.
- Other Programs:
 - Women's Hiking Club-will begin in late April. Ann Courcy will again be the instructor/lead. Registration is \$40.00 per person.

- Other Programs Cont.:

Tai Chi- will be offered free to the public at the town landing beginning in late June.

Warrior in the Community Day – Monday, May 23rd. Groups of Valley students will be at several locations throughout town performing cleanup and other activities as part of the community service day.

Deep River 75th anniversary celebration- will take place during Deep River day (Family day) on 9/17/22. There will be a parade and speeches at town hall. The pet parade offered by P & R will take part.

- Parks:

- Devitt- cleanup will be underway shortly for preparations for DRLL opening day. Water will be turned on prior to the Easter Egg hunt.
- Town Landing-Earth day cleanup of the waters around the boat launch will take place on Sunday, 4/24 by the Secor Diving Club. They will be on site from 8-12. The docks are not yet in.
- Plattwood Park- renovation work to the baseball field is being planned. Anticipate work to be done by early summer.
- Brockway Ferry-no report

Old Business:

Race the Train Race will take place on Saturday, 4/23. This race is a fundraiser for Community Health Resources. E. Patterson, who works for CHR, presented their application and route details to the Commission. The racers will leave the Essex Steam train station and proceed to the DR town landing via Main Street in Essex, to Book Hill Road, to High Street to River Street. The town landing is the half way point for the race. The train will stop at the landing between 9:30-10:00 am.

Election of Officers: Since the Commission did not meet yet in 2022, the election of officers took place. The slate was presented by E.Patterson as:

Chairperson: C.Marra;

Co-Chair- D.Berardis;

Treasurer- M. Morrissey;

secretary-no candidates.

A motion to accept the slate as presented was made by J. Edgerton and seconded by S. Slack. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: M. Morrissey made a motion to adjourn; second by J. Edgerton. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director

Acting Secretary