



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Betsy Scholfield on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:32 pm. Members present were: Dave Berardis, Tracy Woodcock, Miriam Morrissey and Stephani Award. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. Members absent were: Brandon Woodcock, Sarah Ficca, Chris Marra, Tania Crosby, Kevin Crosby, Leslie Sheehan, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kateley, Don Sampson, Elizabeth Taran and Justin Waz.

Audience of Citizens: Jane Moen and Melissa Symonds from 'A Little Compassion' presented their application to hold a fundraiser at Plattwood Park in the fall. They are planning a water lantern event. They are asking for permission to launch lanterns into the swimming pond, have live music and food and also to retrieve lanterns via motor boat. They are requesting a waiver on several items from the application such as park use fee and constable charges.

Secretary's report was approved. A motion was made by Morrissey and seconded by Berardis. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was approved. A motion was made by Berardis and seconded by Woodcock. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Carnival/Food Truck: June 21,22, 23. Parking will be at the Stone House and the Congregational Church. Banner was replaced and has been installed across roadway. Band line up almost complete. Need more food trucks and volunteers to cover shifts and help with parking.
- Fishing Derby: Went well. Nice turn out. Offered new food choices (egg sandwiches were added) and they seemed to be appreciated.
- Basketball: Summer men's league has started. There are 5 teams participating.
- Bus Trips: Trip to Red Sox game in May went well.
- Theater Program- debrief/ wrap up meeting held at Morrissey's house. Constructive ideas for next year were discussed.
- Summer Program: Registration is moderate at this time. Still seeking lifeguards/gate guards.
- Summer Concerts: All booked and posters out. Concerts start on June 27th. P & R will do food for August 1st and add cake and a face painting artist to celebrate P & R being 50 years old.
- Movies: Moana will be shown on August 9th. Jones booking a person to teach about Polynesian culture and teach Hula dance.

Parks: **Devitt Field:** Heavy use by DRLL and men's softball. Lock was replaced on gate at right field on "A" field.

Plattwood The septic tank was located by Applebee's plumbing and Olsen's Sanitation performed the pump out. The fitness trail equipment vandalized was fixed by the town crew who installed the new piece that Jones had ordered. No action was taken on the higher fence sections needed on the first and third base sides to extend the height of the fence.

Brockway Ferry – no report

Old Business: Warrior In the Community Day was Friday, May 17, 2019. It was unorganized on our end so that it didn't seem as productive as it could have been. Need to plan better for next year, ie. have mulch delivered earlier and have better oversight and instruction at parks.

New Business: Discussion and vote taken on application from "A Little Compassion" for the water lantern festival. Commission will waive the park use fees but will still require insurance and port-o-lets. The Commission is also requiring the following:

- Group is required to follow all posted park rules including 'no dogs' allowed.
- All park visitors must adhere to all municipal and state laws and regulations.
- Remove any decorations or equipment that you bring in and leave the facility as it was found.
- Within the park, there are about 85 marked spots. We do not allow parking on the grass. Parking on Route 80 will not be allowed for this event.
- No gasoline powered boats allowed in the lake;
- Only launching of water lanterns by adults at water's edge.
- Group handles parking issues (at least two or more people must be assigned to this task) and will demarcate a walk way in driveway to help with safety
- All litter in the lake and in and around the park must be picked up and properly disposed of.
- All signage and ads must be approved by the P & R office/department prior to distribution.
- The requirement for a police presence has not been waived. They bill @ \$69.00 an hour and get billed for a 4 hour minimum. P & R will arrange police.
- The Commission would like record keeping of how many 'lanterns' are launched so that you can document that none were lost in the water or left somewhere in the weeds at water's edge.
- Security deposit of \$250.00 is due with the application.

Motion made by Award and seconded by Morrissey to approve the application with the stipulations outlined above. Motion passed.

A motion was made at 8:46 pm to adjourn by Woodcock and seconded by Award. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Jones, Director
Deep River Parks and Recreation