



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019

The re-scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Betsy Scholfield on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:50 pm. Members present were: Tracy Woodcock, Miriam Morrissey, Sarah Ficca, Leslie Sheehan and Chris Marra. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. Members absent were: Brandon Woodcock, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kateley, Don Sampson, Elizabeth Taran and Justin Waz.

Audience of Citizens: none

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: No report

Committee Reports:

- Family Day/5K-Sign-up sheet passed around for 5K road race jobs. Fireworks postponed due to the health threat imposed by the Eastern equine encephalitis disease carried by mosquitoes. Rescheduled for late October (10/26) when the weather will be cooler.
- Bus Trips-overall hard to sell trips. One coming up on Oct. 9th
- Basketball-Registration will be out in early October. Grade breakdown and location of practices/games as follows: K-1 @DRES; 2-3 @ EES; 4-6 @DRES; 7-12 @JWMS with practices at EES and DRES. Practices will begin in mid-November and season will conclude in March 2020.
- Theater Program: Morrissey reports that Leslie Straus will be the director this year. VRHS student Caroline Baldwin will assist. Open to grades 4-6 from DRES. Production will be "The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever".
- Halloween-Trunk or treat event will be 10/26. It will be held at Plattwood this year(moved from Devitt) so that volunteers can also help at annual fireworks display event which is now also on October 26th.
- Holiday Stroll: December 14th. Jones working with Resident State Trooper Taylor and BOS on new route. More details to follow.
- Summer Program-good feedback. Program went well but low enrollment overall.
- Summer Concerts-all well received. Had to reschedule several due to rain.
- Movies-showed Moana @ Plattwood. A guest speaker gave a talk about the history and cultural significance of Hula dance and gave a lesson prior to the movie. P & R handed out flower leis.
- Other Programs-
 - Art Pallet painting class scheduled for Sat. Nov. 9th @ Town Hall auditorium
 - Jones looking into jewelry making and other art classes
 - Pickleball will be offered once again. Jones to meet with two volunteers and the DRES custodian to put the pickleball courts down at DRES gym. P & R has purchased the specialty tape, nets and balls. There will be a \$3.00 drop in fee per night. Open to all adults. Monday evenings 6:00-8:00 9/23-through April 2020.

Parks:

Devitt Field: DRCLL still utilizing field with fall baseball

Plattwood: Looking into additional camera.

Parks cont.

Town Landing: Some issues with garbage and out-of town residents parking. Gate guards need to be present more hours.

Brockway Ferry – No report

Old Business: The Nest event scheduled for Oct 3rd at Plattwood has been postponed due to the EEE issue. Event moved to November 2nd. P & R received a request to have a contained open fire on the beach due to the anticipated cold weather. Jones will speak to the BOS and the Fire Marshal for guidance.

Motion made by Woodcock and seconded by Morrissey to adjourn at 9:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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