



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2019

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Betsy Scholfield on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:38 pm. Members present were: Tracy Woodcock, Miriam Morrissey and Sarah Ficca. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. Members absent were: Brandon Woodcock, Chris Marra, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Leslie Sheehan, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kateley, Don Sampson, Elizabeth Taran and Justin Waz.

Audience of Citizens: none

Secretary's Report: no report

Treasurer's Report: Question as to why P & R got charged for hayride OT driver as that is not a P & R event. It was put on seasonal line. Jones to check on this. Woodcock made motion to accept treasurer report. Second by Ficca. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Family Day/5K: Registrations were up. Rebranding race to "run to the River" might have helped. Fireworks were rescheduled until October 26<sup>th</sup>. The new date was welcomed by many as they enjoyed the cooler weather and not having so much to do on family day; spread out the town festivities was the thought.
- Bus Trips: The October trip to "To Kill a Mockingbird" was great. Only 4 seats went unsold. Two trips planned for 2020 thus far.
- Basketball: Woodcock reported the numbers are low at this point but anticipates many late registrations once the school teams make cuts.
- Theater Program: Rehearsals are underway. Production is "The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever". Rehearsals at DRES and at the Town Hall auditorium twice a week. 25 students. DRES 4-6 grade. Show will be February 1-2, 2020.
- Halloween: New this year had the trunk or treat event at Plattwood. Used the new parking lot and the new baseball field for all activities to keep the children safe. Went well. There were a total of 14 trunks. Fireworks followed. DJ hired for both events. He was near the BB court for the trunk or treat event and then moved under the pavilion for the fireworks.
- Holiday Stroll: New route this year for the light parade. It will begin on Bridge Street and then still end at DRES. Jones will finalize details of route with Trooper Taylor. We have found a P & R Santa! Erik Hluchan will be Santa and he has his own suit! Jones will set up the "find a moose" contest once again. Scholfield will ask DRES PTO baking committee to make some treats. Jones finalizing fire performers and roving carolers.
- Summer Program: Went very well. Director and assistant director have decided to not return for 2020 so P & R will need to hire to fill these vacancies.
- Movies-no report
- Carnival- looking to change date for 2020 as dates in June are tough to get food trucks to commit. Maremma Amusements was hired this year and did not provide good service to the town. P & R was not satisfied and will not recommend that they are brought back to Deep River.
- Other Programs-
  - Pickleball is going well. Average about 10-12 players per week
  - Pallet Painting workshop was well received. Plans to hold a second glass are in the works by Woodcock.

Parks-

Devitt Field-No report

Town Landing-Docks need to be pulled

Plattwood Park- beach raked and extra clean up done prior to The Nest's fundraising water lantern event as it was being filmed for a spot on the local news. After the event, extra cleanup was necessary due to the beach 'camp' fire allowed for the event. Cleanup completed by P & R members and town crew..

Brockway Ferry – No report

Old Business: The Nest water lantern event went well. Only issue was clean up required after the event because of the beach camp fire allowed by P & R. No damage per se to the beach to report. However, extra cleanup with shovels and rakes to make it look like there was not a fire there was required.

New Business: No report

Motion made by Woodcock and seconded by Morrissey to adjourn at 9:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jones, Director

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