



Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Monthly Meeting- July 12, 2023

The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on 7/12/2023. The meeting was officially called to order by Vice-Chair Dave Berardis at 7:45 pm. Members present in person and via zoom were Suzanne Sutch, Miriam Morrissey, Kristen Olson and Kristen Brennan. Members absent were: Chairperson Chris Marra, David Richards, Nicole Desrosiers, Leslie Sheehan, Kayla Howard, Siobhan Stack, Brandon Woodcock, Kevin Crosby, Sandra Stroeter, Jan Edgerton and Sarah Kateley. P&R Director Carol Jones was also absent.

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: No report was presented.

Audience of Citizens-None

Committee Reports:

- Music Festival – No report; committee looking to establish a subcommittee. Reach out to Deep River Merchants to gain their support.
- Summer Concerts –Original band had canceled but fill in band, "Wooden Horse" did a nice job. Deep River Ice on hand selling ice cream and Italian Ice.
- Summer Camp – Entering week #4, camp is going well. Staff doing a great job as we have campers with special accommodation considerations this summer.
- Deep River Day/5K/Pet Parade/Fireworks – Major discussion regarding what the day would look like in 2023 as merchant association has disbanded and not able to sponsor this event this year. Voted unanimously 5-0 to have a block party type event at Deep River Day. Further voted unanimously 6-0 for the block party to be at Devitt rather than Main St. Deep River Day will start in morning with a 5K at Devitt. (Don't need to have the Fun Walk first since last year the participation for this was non-existent.). Ideas presented were possibly a little league baseball game at Devitt following the race and then the block party at Devitt during the day. At night, possibly fireworks at Plattwood. Still t.b.d. as the fire marshal needs to discuss with Haynes, as they would have to provide a new platform for fireworks. If this does not work out, we are considering a drive-in movie at Devitt. Also, Jones is looking into a drone show so that is also an option. Need to review all this with resident state trooper and BOS. There will be a special P & R Commission meeting in two weeks, on Wednesday, July 26, at 7pm at Town Hall. This will be only for planning for Deep River Day.

Other Programs-

- Tai Chi –This program is going well and will continue through August.
- Bus Trips – None planned.



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Parks:

No Report

Old Business/New Business-

Park use form and fees-general discussion- Tabled until next meeting so we can discuss with Jones and get any further information needed. If we change any fees, then the commission would certainly have to vote on it, however, the Commission is fine with Jones redesigning the form to get more information, especially for weddings.

Adjournment:

Kristen Brennan made a motion to adjourn. Second by M. Morrissey. The motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Berardis
Vice Chair/Acting Secretary