



## Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes August 9, 2023

P & R meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by treasurer, Miriam Morrissey. Members present were: Jan Edgerton, Kristen Brennan, Dave Richard, Kristen Chasse, Suzanne Sutch and Kayla Howard. Members absence were: Dave Berardis, Nicole Desrosiers, Sandy Stroeter, Leslie Sheehan, Sarah Kateley, Chris Marra, Brandon Woodcock, Kevin Crosby and Elizabeth Taran. Director Carol Jones was also present.

Audience of Citizens: none

Secretary's Report: Sutch made a motion to accept minutes from 7/12/23. Second by Howard. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Morrissey presented report. Richard made motion to accept report. Howard second. Motion passed.

### Committee reports:

1. Summer Concerts- Jones reported that concerts are going well. Apizza Grande has been able to cover some of the concerts this year and folks are enjoying having food at the concerts. Deep River Pizza had to cancel their concert date as minor fire at their business. We only had to postpone one concert this year due to inclement weather. We have two concerts left as of this date; last one scheduled for 8/22/23.
2. Summer Camp- Most weeks at  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Director and assistant doing a great job. We are not filling the weeks as we would like. Will try to bring back field trips next year to increase registrations. Prices have gone up so without full enrollment, hard to afford the trips.
3. Deep River Day/5K/Pet Parade/Fireworks –
  - a. Deep River Day- will be concentrated at the church green as Deep River Farmer's Market and Artisan Market are already scheduled there for that day. Businesses in down town area will let us know specifically what they are doing so that we can include the information on the flyer. Friends of the Library will hold their book and bake sale again on the library lawn. Howard to track down face painter. Brennan to organize games. Desrosiers and Sutch will reach out to DRES PTO to have them do children's games. Jones reached out to groups that participated in Deep River Day in the past to see if they want to come this year. Jones to hire a dunk tank and get DRFD to help with water source. Jones will secure live music for the green. Brennan is working on food trucks. Morrissey will see if any DRES staff want to sit in the dunk tank. Jones has hired balloon sculpture artist, a stilt walker, a magician and a juggler to entertain. Brennan reaching out to Boy Scouts.
  - b. 5K- shirts are heather orchid color this year. DJ all set for 5K and for fireworks. XTrainDFQ gym is a new sponsor this year. They will be holding a stretching clinic at the field prior to the race beginning at 8:30am. Empire Race Timing will be timing race. All trophies and medals are ready. Police and Fire Police have been notified. Jones arranged donation from Adams for fruit, muffins, water and cups. Morrissey will pick up donations. Morrissey will recruit help for water stations. P & R members signed up to help with various tasks for the day.
  - c. Pet Parade- Is again a P & R event; it will take place at the church green. The route will begin near the church, with it heading east on Church Street, south on Main and at Dunkin Donuts turn and proceed north up Union back to Church Street. New dog grooming place, Head to Tail, will be listed as sponsor of the parade and will organize it, lead it and offer prizes.
  - d. Fireworks- DJ will be on site. Shuttle will run from 6:30 until about 9:00 pm. P & R will sell glow items and sundries. Jones has made purchases. Help needed that night with selling and turning off lights. Jones will meet town crew earlier in the day at the park to set up cones for parking areas. Fireworks will begin at 8:30 pm.
4. Other Business:
  - a. Music Festival: sub-committee had no report. Work is progressing.
  - b. Tai Chi: going well; program is well received. It will end on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Holiday Stroll: date confirmed as December 2, 2023.
5. Parks -no report
6. Old Business/New Business:
  - a. No bus trip scheduled to football game as price point for seat location not deemed attractive.
7. Adjournment- Brennan made a motion to adjourn; second by Sutch. Meeting adjourned @8:43 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Jones, Director  
Acting Secretary