



Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023

P & R meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by chairman Chris Marra. Members present were: Miriam Morrissey, Nicole Desrosiers, Suzanne Sutch and Kayla Howard. Members absence were: Kristine Chasse, David Berardis, Jan Edgerton, Kristine Brennan, Sandy Stroeter, Leslie Sheehan, Sarah Kateley, Brandon Woodcock, Dave Richard, Kevin Crosby and Elizabeth Taran. Director Carol Jones was also present.

Secretary's Report – motion made by Morrissey, second by Desrosiers to accept report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – no report presented

Audience of Citizens

- a. Eagle Scout Candidate- Cooper Edwards presented a plan for a pollinator garden to be installed at 56 High Street on the south east side of the building. It would be about a 15'x9' area; plants and soil to cost about \$300.00. He will begin work in early October. Anticipates 7 days to complete. He will send Jones the cost of anything additional he may need as now he is working on securing donations. Jones will report to P & R Commission and call a special meeting if P & R need to approve any funds.

Committee Reports:

- a. Deep River Day/5K/Pet Parade/Fireworks – all set for Saturday, 9/16/23. P & R members have all volunteered for a role to make the day run smoothly. 5K participants will be given shirt & bibs morning of race. Jones will roll up shirts and label for all pre-registered runners Friday afternoon so ready morning of race. Jones, Berardis and Crosby will meet at 6:00 am Saturday to set up runner shoot and finish line. Snacks getting picked up Friday evening and Saturday morning.
- b. Halloween- no report; sub-committee meeting soon. Date: October 28th.
- c. Holiday Stroll- no report (12/2)
- d. Music festival-Sub-committee meeting set for 9/25
- e. Other Programs-
 - a. Tennis-Morrissey working on getting a tennis instructor for grades 7-12
 - b. Basketball- Jones has registration forms on line and enrollment has start
 - c. Pickleball-Adult pickleball will be held @ DRES gym on Mondays beginning in October.
 - d. Volleyball- on hold due to JW being closed. Jones working on securing Valley Gym.

Parks:

Jones reported that her and Desrosiers have met with Town Engineers to continue to design the placement of playground upgrades and new pavilion and restrooms at Plattwood and Devitt.

Old Business/New Business:

No report

Adjournment-motion to adjourn made by Sutch. Second by Desrosiers. Meeting adjourned @9:10pm.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Jones, Director
Acting Secretary