



Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting - August 30, 2023

The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission held a special meeting on 8/30/2023. The meeting was called to order by Chris Marra at 7:09pm.

Members present were: Chris Marra, Kristen Olson, Kayla Howard, Kristen Brennan and Miriam Morrissey.

Members absent were: Suzanne Sutch, Dave Berardis, Nicole Desrosiers, Leslie Sheehan, Brandon Woodcock, Kevin Crosby, Dave Richards, Sandra Stroeter and Jan Edgerton.

P&R Director Carol Jones was also in attendance.

Motion made to add audience of citizens to agenda by Kristen Brennan; second by Miriam Morrissey.

Audience of Citizens: Kelly H of Kaleidoscope Events attended the meeting to discuss being included in Deep River Day. Kaleidoscope Events is a non-profit company specializing in offering affordable family friendly events in CT River Valley. Idea for Deep River Day: 'Minute to Win It' style games, photo booth fun.

Committee Topic/Report:

- Deep River Day –
 - Commission spent time mapping out block party layout. Block Party timing is 10am – 2pm.
 - PTO will help run lawn games like Connect 4 and Checkers.
 - P&R Commission will make lanyards for volunteers/staff suggested from past event feedback.
 - Confirmed Garden Club will be selling flowers at Historical Society.
 - Confirmed Vintage farm equipment will be on display by Historical Society.
 - Pet Parade route decided on, around Church street to corner light.
 - 5K Plans: Paper in-person registration is open at 7:30am at Devitt. Race start at 9:00am. Miriam is running a water station and installing arrow route signs. Dave and Kevin to build the start line chute. Confirmed stretching clinic and DJ at 5K.
 - Confirmed band downtown at 2pm
 - Still looking for food truck vendors from 2-4:30pm ish time frame; vendors would be invited to Plattwood for evening as well.
 - Confirmed Smoke Truck from Fire Department at Block Party.
 - Confirmed fireworks at Plattwood, P&R to offer glowsticks. Event sponsorship still to be confirmed with Angus MacDonald (C. Jones).
 - Commission spent time going through the sponsorship list and finalizing who is donating/sponsoring.
 - Discussion of recipient for dunk tank donations (dunk tank at Block Party).

Motion made by Miriam Morrissey to vote on recipient of dunk tank funds to Emergency Services,
2nd by Chris Marra. Commission voted yes.

Adjournment:

Kristen Brennan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Miriam Morrissey. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Olson
Acting Secretary