



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2019

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Betsy Scholfield on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:43 pm. Members present were: Tracy Woodcock, Miriam Morrissey, Sarah Ficca and Chris Marra. Carol Jones, Director, was also present. Members absent were: Brandon Woodcock, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Leslie Sheehan, Grace Petroka, Sarah Kateley, Don Sampson, Elizabeth Taran and Justin Waz.

Audience of Citizens:

Secretary's Report: no report

Treasurer's report was submitted and approved. A motion was made by Woodcock and seconded by Ficca. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Holiday Stroll: Light parade kick off at 5:00 pm from Silgan Plastics on Bridge Street. New route this year; Bridge to Main to Essex to High and end at DRES.. Floats need to be there at 4:30 pm. Jones, Scholfield will check floats in and take photos of each float. Woodcock will be at town hall to handle tree lighting and caroling. Marra will set up sound system for reviewing stand in front of town hall. Ficca will help Santa from fire truck to town hall greeting area. Jones to bring pop up tent. Morrissey will make hot chocolate. All members are asked to bake or contribute 2 dozen cookies. Jones and Woodcock will decorate town hall to make area for Santa to meet and greet children. Leo Club to help out. Fire performers and Yuletide carolers hired once again. Placing luminaries along Main Street planned depending on weather. Other members will help as needed.
- Theater Program: Going well. A few issues with participants not paying program registration fees in a timing manner. Can set it up on Rec Desk to lock out members who owe a balance so this action will be taken.
- Bus Trips: trip to Philadelphia flower show trip on 2/29 is selling slowly (this trip is with Silver Mill Tours) as is the March trip to Broadway (3/11). Two baseball trips planned one in early May another in August.
- Basketball- 4-6th grade girls are holding games against other towns; 7-8th grade program had no registrations this year. High school program, grades 9-12 has over 60 kids. Games start first weekend in January, T-shirts to be ordered shortly.
- Carnival/Food Truck: Anticipate moving the date of this event to a weekend in May. Marra will meet with the sub-committee to finalize more details and report back to the Commission. Would like more crafts and rides.
- Other Programs: Pickleball ongoing through early April. Monday evenings 6-8 pm @DRES.

Parks:

Devitt Field: Camera was damaged and graffiti found on pavilion wall.

Plattwood: New additional camera to be installed at fall end of park. Commission to decide size, color and location of DRLL's new equipment shed for 2020 season. Discussion about installing a gate at the park entrance near Route 80 for winter months took place. Idea was proposed as a way to cut down on park vandalism by only allowing walkers. Garbage carts have been removed for winter.

Town Landing: Docks pulled and moorings out.

Brockway Ferry – No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Meeting dates were established for 2020 as required. Commission decided not to meet every month. Schedule will be submitted to the Town Clerk's office. May meeting moved to the 6th or first Wednesday of the month.

Also a new board will be voted in at January meeting. Budget will be due by late January as well.

Motion made by Woodcock and seconded by Ficca to adjourn at 9:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Jones, Director
Deep River Parks and Recreation