

DEEP RIVER PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
October 8, 2008  
MEETING MINUTES

Tracy Woodcock called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:32 pm on, October 8, 2008 at The Deep River Town Hall. Those *members* present were: Veronica Cruz, David Berardis, Carol Jones, Stacy LaCasse, Kelley LaCoske, Tiger Marion, Missy Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka, Nancy Talbot, Karen West and Tracy Woodcock. Those *members* absent were: Mark Grabowski, Cathie Kossler Horan, Janice Kmetz, Bruce Mikkelson, Sage Novak, Anna Pollock and Peter Woodcock Sr.. Those *visitors* present were: Brett LaCoske

**Audience of Citizens:** Brett LaCoske was present at the meeting doing research for a Civic's paper. He had no questions or comments at this time.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Stacy LaCasse to accept the Secretary's minutes from September 9, 2008. The motion was seconded by Miriam Morrissey and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Veronica Cruz to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Kelley LaCoske and carried.

**Summer Concerts:** The last concert was held on Family Day. It all went well but the turnout was not as much as we would have liked. If a rain date occurs again that needs to be held on Family Day, the committee will look into possibly a different place or a different time.

**Summer Program:** No report

**5K Run:** 5K went well. There was comment regarding the T-shirts this year. It will be noted by the chair of the event next year.

**Deep River Day and Fireworks:** Fireworks went great. There were a huge number of people at Plattwood Park. There was discussion about the fireworks being lower this year and Tracy explained that it was because the work that they are doing at Haynes did not allow them to set up on the hill. This will be noted by the committee for next year and looked into. It was decided that the 2009 fireworks committee will also brainstorm on the vendor situation at next year's event.

**Movies on the Beach:** The final movie in the "Movies on the Beach" series was held the night before family day. There was a good turnout with families bringing picnic meals to enjoy before the movie began.

**Plattwood Park:** The new playground equipment is in the works. Investigation is being done as to what other area towns have. The committee has a call in to Game Time regarding sales, ship times etc.. Missy spoke to Dick Smith to confirm that we would not have to include the cost of the ground cover (ie- wood chips) to go under the new equipment.

Nancy was approached by Dan Peterson of Rosemont Drive regarding an "exercise trail" at Plattwood Park. Dan will do some additional research and give us a plan that we can present to the Commission.

**Devitt Field:** There was a discussion regarding reducing the number of lawn mowing visits on a per year basis. We would like to develop a mowing schedule that will change with seasonal changes. Nancy will speak with Joe Kuzaro and see what can be worked out.

**Town Dock:** The Pet Poop Bag holder will be put in. Nancy spoke with Dick Smith and he did say it was on the list but with all that is going on in town at this time, it may be a little while. There was a discussion on where to put the holder and the majority felt that it should go by the garbage cans near the gazebo. Dick Smith informed us that it will have to go on a metal stand (which he will paint black to blend in better) which will be cemented into the ground.

**Brockway Ferry:** No Report

**Easter Egg Hunt:** No Report

**Fishing Derby:** With John Olson redoing the bridge that splits his pond and the fishing pond, it complicates our ability to contain the fish that are put in on the Thursday before the derby. I was discussed that we will attempt to get a large fishing net that will stretch across the span to keep the fish in the fishing pond for the derby.

**Halloween Party:** The Halloween Party and Parade will be held on Thursday October 30. The parade will go from Adams to the Elementary School and will begin at approximately 6:00 pm. Airborne Jugglers are coming for a half hour show and then will be doing balloon animals and twisting for ½ - 1 hour after the show. The parade route will be decorated with luminaries. Pumpkins for the Pumpkin Carving Contest will still be at the Town Hall. The sidewalk leading to the gym entrance of the elementary school will be decorated. Since no food is allowed in the school, there will be a table outside where the kids can get snacks. We will just need to monitor so that no food is brought back into the gym. The Beauty Barn will again donate non-candy goody bag items and Tracy informed the committee that Debbie Shaefer has candy for the goody bags.

**Holiday Stroll:** Tracy has been in contact with Sandy Alonzo, who is a resident in town. He is a model train enthusiast and has offered to set up a few train modules to be viewed the night of the stroll. The trains will be set up in the auditorium area. Trains will be set up on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> and taken down on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit will be open on various nights besides the Stroll for viewing.

We are also all reminded that we need to bake and bring at least 2 dozen cookies for the night of the stroll.

**Basketball Program:** Registration forms are out for the basketball program. See form for registration nights and times. Dave Berardis has secured the use of Incarnation Center's facility for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade practices. The Park and Rec will be able to use this venue at no charge.

**Bus Trips:** The New York City/Rockettes trip has been secured for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Flyers have gone home and registrations are coming in.

**Membership:** New member Veronica Cruz was present at her first meeting. Veronica's joining again makes the Commission full.

**Other old Business:** No Report

**New Business:** No Report

A motion was made by David Berardis to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. The motion was seconded by Missy Massey and carried. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Deep River Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Talbot  
Recording Secretary

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Agenda for November 12, 2008

1. Called to Order
2. Audience of Citizens
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Old Business
  - a) Summer Concerts
  - b) Summer Program
  - c) 5K Run
  - d) Deep River Day and Fireworks
  - e) Movies on the Beach
  - f) Plattwood Park
  - g) Devitt's Field
  - h) Town Dock
  - i) Brockway Ferry
  - j) Easter Egg Hunt
  - k) Fishing Derby
  - l) Halloween Party
  - m) Holiday Stroll
  - n) Basketball Program
  - o) Bus Trips
  - p) Membership
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