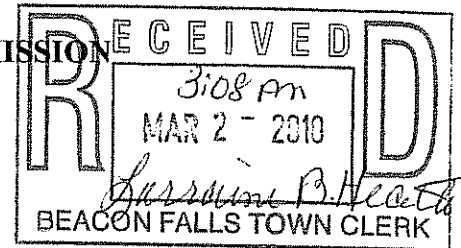


BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2010



SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

B. Egan called the Special Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:05 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, J. Rodorigo, S. Ruhl, A. Sirowich

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: R. Kunz, S. Osowiecki, L. Swanson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

A. Sirowich called for the approval of the January 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes and the February 1, 2010 Special Workshop Minutes, as submitted. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. J. Rodorigo reported receiving two applications from Cub Scout Pack 2010 for picnics and campouts to be held at Matthies Park on Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th, and Saturday, August 14th and Sunday, August 15th. **J. Rodorigo called for the approval of these applications. A. Sirowich seconded the motion. All ayes.**
2. J. Rodorigo will be meeting with Heidi from TPA Group this week to discuss the outline of the trails. She will be putting the layout in board format for presentation to the commission and to the public.
3. The Land Use boards, including Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands, etc. will also be meeting this week on Wednesday at 7:00 PM to discuss the Greenway project, which includes Park Development.
4. CT Pond Services will receive monies to potential treat the pond and their price has increased by \$100 to cover the state application fees, which have increased.
5. The internal electrical upgrades at Matthies will start next week.
6. The garage has been cleaned out and the left garage bay will be devoted to storage for Park Pals. All other bays will hold street department equipment.
7. The Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for April 24th from 7 AM – 11 AM.

B. PENT ROAD

1. J. Rodorigo received several applications for review. The Travel baseball league is requesting to play on Field #1 from 5-9 PM and some Saturdays from 3-9 PM, as scheduling allows. **J. Rodorigo made the motion to approve this application, provided scheduling agreements with RACBL are met. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.**
2. Extreme Chaos, the Girls' Travel Softball League submitted their application for play on Friday evenings. **J. Rodorigo motioned to approve their application, within scheduling**

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agreements with Beacon Falls Girls' Softball League, with priority given to Beacon Falls Girls' Softball League. S. Ruhl seconded the motion and there were all ayes.

3. Woodland Regional High School submitted their application for Fields 1, 2 & 5, which J. Rodorigo reviewed. This application was approved at the January Parks & Recreation meeting. No motion is needed. Saturday and make up games will be with the express permission of a member of the Parks & Recreation commission.
4. The RACBL application was received and tabled until the March 16th meeting, pending a more complete schedule. The application was completed requesting the entire complex for the entire season, so a schedule is needed. Girls' Softball application is forthcoming and will also need a schedule.
5. The question remains where the warm up pitching area can be placed, noting that it must be created in an area that is safe for everyone, including pedestrians using the walking track, children using the playground, and in sight of coaches and umpires.
6. The Parks & Recreation commission voted to allow RACBL to complete 3 projects on their wish list with a deadline of April 1st. None of the projects are complete.
7. For the first time, there are 3-4 teams with applications in to use Field #5, which can pose a scheduling problem. Preference will be given to Beacon Falls Girls' Softball.
8. J. Rodorigo noted that tournaments must remain on separate applications. No tournament applications have been received to date.
9. J. Rodorigo received a quotation from Mad Solution for \$8,150 for a closed circuit TV monitoring system to prevent vandalism at Pent Road. This will be tabled until the next budget year.
10. Mad Solutions will be changing all of the fuses/cartridges on all of the light poles, as they are past their life expectancy, at a cost of \$1,500.
11. Family Day is scheduled at Pent Road for July 10th. The fireworks company, Pyro-FX has been hired, and they are recommended by the Fire Marshall. Half of the cost has been paid. The balance is paid out of the 2010-2011 budget. Total cost of the fireworks is \$7,500 and next year the town may consider a change to this event, due to the rising costs.

C. TOBY'S LANDING

1. This park is not dedicated to Parks & Recreation yet and remained under the Selectmen's charge. Fishing is allowed there with a license.
2. The Town of Portland has a similar piece of land, which was cleaned up by a group of Parks volunteers, and the town now leases the park to Brownstone Explorations and Discovery Park for 15% of their profits, plus the gate. Brownstone is an outdoor action adventure park with canoeing, swimming, scuba, zip lines, ropes courses, etc. Representatives from the town will be visiting Portland to see the operation.
3. The Greenway Project is also looking to link our parks from Volunteer Park to Toby's Landing to Riverbend to Matthies Park.

D. SPORTS LEAGUES

See Pent Road above and note that Basketball League continues to run into March.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. B. Egan has booked three concerts: Angelo Ruggiero on June 26, Kerry Boys on July 31 and Red Dirt Road Band on August 14.
2. A. Sirowich reported that 3 sections of drawing classes are currently running. The Salmon project continues.

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3. Zumba classes, karate classes, and adult basketball league are continuing successfully. When the student basketball league wraps up, Zumba will be expanding to Tuesday through the end of the school year and Thursday nights in the Laurel Ledge gym at 8:00 PM.
4. A. Sirowich reported that in April, Parks & Recreation will team with the library to offer a self defense class for ages 13 and up, taught by a Ridgefield police officer.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. The commission received a report from Ed Bea on the work done by the town crew in January/February, as well as minutes from the Planning and Zoning and Selectmen's meetings.
- B. The town will be posting a position for a Street Superintendent, which should be filled prior to the end of the fiscal year.

APPLICATIONS

See above.

GRANTS

- A. A. Sirowich is working on a STEAP application.
- B. Katherine Matthies Foundation grant is due to be completed in March.
- C. There are 2 grant writing seminars being offered in March at CT Community Foundation and in April at NVCTC, if there is interest in attending.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

None.

BUDGET

- A. Copies of the proposed Parks & Recreation budget for 2010-2011 were distributed and discussed. J. Rodorigo plans to attend the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meetings to explain the changes in format of the proposed budget, in order to clarify the changes to the line items, the impact of the changes, and why they were renamed.
- B. After review and discussion, **A. Sirowich made a motion to send the attached budget to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. J. Rodorigo seconded the motion. All ayes.**

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A.Sirowich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,


Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission

	Actual 09/10	Proposed Budg.	Dollar Increase	Explanation
10-71-1010 Part- Time Activities Director	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1019 Wages - Season	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	minimum wage increase
10-71-1040 Wages - Clerk	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	
10-71-1090 Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1121 Electricity/Water/Fuel	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	
10-71-1170 Commission Operating Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	commission needs operating expenses
10-71-1550 Tools and Equipment	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	
10-71-1705 Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1815 Spray/Fertilizer/Clay	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1820 Sanitation	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 500.00	Fee Increase/More Usage
10-71-1840 Stock Fish	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
10-71-1845 Settling Pond Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Increaseest Costs
10-71-1850 Building Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1855 Ground Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	
10-71-1858 Matties Park	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Creation of New Line Item related TPA study and recommendations
10-71-1861 Recreational Programs and Activities**	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ (3,500.00)	**Name Change**
10-71-1863 Summer Concert Series	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	New Line Item coming out of Rec. Program and Activities
10-71-1870 Independence Day Celebration**	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	**Name Change to represent actual purpose of the account**
10-71-1875 Boys Baseball League	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1877 Other Sport Subsidy	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (1,500.00)	Moving monies to basketball league line item
10-71-1880 Girls Softball League	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
10-71-1885 Basketball League	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Moving line item from Sports Subsidy
10-71-1886 Football League	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	Moving line item from Sports Subsidy
10-71-1887 Soccer League	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	Moving line item from Sports Subsidy
Total	\$ 158,650.00	\$ 183,450.00	\$ 24,800.00	

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***Former summer activities