

Beacon Falls Parks and Recreation Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
July 19, 2021
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Chairman Bob Egan called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Members Present: Bob Egan (BE), Mary Ellen Fernandes (MF), Don Ferretti (DF), Laura DeGeorge (LD), Desiree Brooks (DB), Steve Moffat (SM)

Members Absent: Jake Fernandes (JF)

Others Present: Selectman Krenesky (MK)

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held June 21, 2021, as submitted: **LD/DF, all ayes.**

3. Comments from the Public

MK – I have been in contact with the Alpaca Gnomes for a concert the night of the drone show. They do have a tentative booking for that date but will let us know. BE - where would it be held? MK – it would be held down at KOLGA. BE – how many cars can we fit in there? MK – the Lion's has had about 300 for the car show.

4. New Business

No new business.

5. Old Business

- a. **Matthies Park** – SM – The security/alarm system was installed. The Park Ranger wanted me to pass on the template for the lock system. MK – the conversation in the Selectman's office was what is the purpose? BE – I think it was just to have better communication regarding locking/unlocking gates. SM - The Park Ranger has met with the interim Trooper to give him protocol. This will assist with knowing why the gates may be closed. We will keep these in the town vehicles and the Park Ranger will have them in his car to put up when needed. It is like a lock out tag out system. MK – is there a place for a date on those? MF – that is a good idea. SM – I am also just waiting to hear from Doug on the house and when we can schedule the work.
- b. **Pent Road Recreation Complex** – BE – the playscape is open. SM – I do not think that it was officially open, but kids have been playing on it. I did ask the Foreman about blocking it off and he said no. The landscape has been complete so I do not know if when the courts are done, they will have a ceremony for all of it. The summer camp is using it. DB – is there going to be an additional piece added? SM – they are looking into it. They have gotten some prices and we have options in the near future. BE – just and FYI – Jeff Kean has submitted his resignation. He has done a lot in our parks, and we appreciate all of his efforts.
- c. **Riverbend Park** – BE – nothing going on there.
- d. **Toby's Pond** – SM – there is mow cutting from the beginning of the park up to the inner gate. They knocked it down really well. DB – I was down there this past

Saturday. I received a call from someone who was unable to get down there and was turned around on Pines Bridge. The person who told him was a flagger who did not understand what was going on. I called the Resident Trooper and they informed me that Eversource was working down there. We should not open Toby's tomorrow because they will probably have to close the road again tomorrow. So basically, if a person went into Toby's the machinery used by Eversource would block them from exiting. DB – we okayed the additional no swimming sign, but the Park Ranger can make the copy of the same sign about the park on the gate area. He had another family with small children swimming and all they had were donuts. BE – I am fine with that. SM – that works because we do not need multiple signs in the parks, it gets cluttered. **DB – motion made to put the sign up, seconded by LD, all ayes.**

- e. **Sports League Reports** – BE – Fusion and Robert Cole usually play into the fall. I have not heard anything else. The sugar shack was open for the fireworks; I am not sure how they did.
 - f. **Park Activities / Miscellaneous** – BE – The fireworks were held, and they went well. The only glitch was that the gate was locked in the afternoon when they arrived to set up. Make A Wish 5K went well. They had about 150 registrants. They were very happy with the facilities we have here. DB – did the water leak get fixed for the fountains. SM – that was for the irrigation. They had to be rescheduled because of the weather. They are coming back on the 24th. I will have an update next meeting. Concerts have been rescheduled due to the weather. We try to decide by 1pm the day of the concert as to if we need to cancel. Rec Camp started last week. SM – that has been going great and really going smooth. BE – the trailer they use is in rough shape, so Steve cleared out some space for them to use.
 - g. **Community Garden** - BE – currently accepting donations from residents to donate grown items to food bank. All the plots in the garden are full.
 - h. **Park Ranger Report** - BE – we already covered some of the items in there.
 - i. **150th Celebration** – BE – they had the ceremony at the fire house. DB – my family went, and they said it was so nicely done and were surprised that all the food was free. MK – it was hot, but we had a nice turn out. The vendors had a great time too. BE – any idea how many people were there? MK – it could have been between 300-500 people. BE – the Men's Club had cake at the concert for the birthday celebration.
 - j. **YMCA Update** – LD – nothing since the surveys went out about a month ago.
6. **Correspondence**
None
7. **Budget**
BE – budget was approved. DF – were both capital items approved? MK – everything that was in the budget was approved.
8. **Applications**
BE – I approved one for WRHS Booster Club Corn Hole Tournament on Saturday, August 7th with a rain date of August 8.
9. **Grant Information**
BE – nothing current
10. **Executive Session (if needed)**
none
11. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34P.M. **DF/DB; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew

Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission