

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
August 16, 2021
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Chairman Bob Egan called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Members Present: Bob Egan (BE), Mary Ellen Fernandes (MF,) Steve Moffat (SM), Jake Fernandes (JF)

Members Absent: Don Ferretti (DF), Laura DeGeorge (LD), Desiree Brooks (DB)

Others Present: Tom Pratt (TP)

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held July 19, 2021, as submitted: **MF/JF, all ayes.**

3. Comments from the Public

TP- I'm here on LD behalf. Working with her for the program with the Beacon Bee Co. This was approved by Robin and Rich Pivrotto of the Beacon Bee Co.

TP- The other one LD is working on is the Beacon Falls Health Forum. There will be 6 presenters, town nurse, physical therapist, pharmacist cardiologist and a rep from the Beacon Falls EMS. One person talks and it flows to the next person, ending with the YMCA. They do a lot for us. BE-Thank you for filling in for LD. I think the programs will be a success. Thank you Tom.

4. New Business

SM-The goals at the High School are rickety. They were plated a couple years ago to preserve them. I reached out to Jill at the High School and she told me I should talk to Mark the utility director. I've been playing phone tag. MF- I don't understand what the question is about the goals if they're not the town's responsibility. BE-it came up in discussion at the BOF last year or year before that. The town won't pay for new ones. The town's not interested in buying new ones.

5. Old Business

- a. **Matthies Park** – SM- The water was treated for algae and the watershed problem they have every year with the film. Came out Thursday and treated it but it might need 2-3 more. It's clearing up but still there.
- b. **Pent Road Recreation Complex** – SM- I took a ride down there yesterday. The basketball courts are taking shape. The fence isn't up yet. SM- We're waiting for the fence, supposed to be on their schedule last week, they never showed. JF- Is it useable? SM- There's caution tape around it and nets are tied up. BE- Keep us informed. If you recall we talked about adding to the playscape. Steve got prices but we can't afford it this year. We'll have to remember to put the budget request in in January, under capital improvements. Any games going on? SM- Firemen have been using it. BE- It'll start up in the fall again.
- c. **Riverbend Park** – Nothing New to report

- d. **Toby's Pond –** BE- I have to get back to AI about the sign. MF- What sign? BE- The park rules. It will be mounted in the center of the gate where the blank board is.
 - e. **Sports League Reports –** BE- We just talked about it. Nothing much going on. Anything with basketball Jake? JF- We plan to run it as normal. Worst case scenario we do exactly as we did last year.
 - f. **Park Activities / Miscellaneous –** BE- Hazardous Waste day Saturday 9/25 at the rec field so it'll be closed. Also night of drone show. Rec camp finished last week. One covid incident and all the protocols we taken. 2 concerts left, they are make ups. Library is having one more movie night. Depending on weather it may be moved to next week before school starts.
 - g. **Community Garden –** BE-Turning all the produce over to the food bank. All good comments from people. Everything looks like it's growing.
 - h. **Park Ranger Report -** BE- Nothing unusual
 - i. **150th Celebration –** BE- we talked about the drone show. T-shirts and sweatshirts are on line and town website for sale.
 - j. **YMCA Update –** BE- We just got the update from TP – Beacon Bee Co.
6. **Correspondence**
None
7. **Budget-** BE – Nothing going on
8. **Applications-** BE-College baseball league reached out with an application and insurance. They've been great to us over the years. I'm expecting the one from the high school, from soccer.
9. **Grant Information-** BE- I sent everybody info on the trails grant. It's a grant from the state. They fund 80% and we fund 20%. The trail has to connect to the state trail. The deadline is November 1. MF- We don't have a lot of spots. What would our options be? BE- I don't know MF- I don't know if it's a viable thing.
JF made a motion they're not interested in the trail grant. SM 2nd motion. All Ayes

10. **Executive Session (if needed)**

none

11. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37P.M. **MF/JF; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Peters

Temporary Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission