

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



**BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**August 19, 2019**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance**

Present: Steve Ruhl, Bob Egan, Don Ferretti, Mary Ellen Fernandes, and Desiree Brooks

Not Present: Steve Moffat

Chairman Steve Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on June 17, 2019, and on July 15, 2019 (no quorum) as submitted: **Ferretti/Egan**; no discussion; all ayes.

**3. Comments from the Public**

S. Ruhl asked three times if there were any comments from the public and there were none at this time.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Matthies Park**

D. Brooks noted that Facebook showed that Matthies Park is free and open to the public and she replied indicating that it is for the residents of Beacon Falls only.

M. Fernandes noted that at the Selectmen's meeting, it was stated that the trails at Matthies Park were closed. S. Ruhl indicated that the park and trails are open.

**b. Pent Road Recreation Complex**

S. Ruhl noted that there are no organized activities at this time and will be getting ready for fall baseball and softball.

**c. Riverbend Park**

B. Egan indicated that there were no new updates on Riverbend Park and the Legion cleaned up the park.

**d. Sports League Reports**

S. Ruhl indicated that flag football will be coming and the high school will be using the fields for soccer.

**e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous**

S. Ruhl noted that there is nothing new to update on Park Activities.

**f. Community Media Center Update**

S. Ruhl noted to have this agenda item removed from the agenda starting next month.

**g. Toby's Pond**

D. Brooks indicated that she spoke with Rich Minnick regarding the amount of funds available for Toby's Pond. D. Brooks suggested that the money could be used for a gate, filling in the holes in the driveway, cameras. M. Fernandes questioned if there are any restrictions on what the money could and could not be used for at Toby's Pond. D. Brooks noted that there are none per R. Minnick, that it is for the well-being and maintenance of Toby's Pond.

**5. New Business**

S. Ruhl indicated that there is a birthday party scheduled to be held at Pent Road on 08/25/2019. S. Ruhl noted that in the past, the applicants have brought in inflatables and staked a gazebo into the ground. S. Ruhl noted a concern about the inflatables not being insured and the application should have a statement added to it that this cannot be done. The statement should indicate that an insurance company needs to certify the inspection of the inflatables. Also, a statement should be added that the deposit will be forfeited for the use of cleaning the park if garbage is left behind. M. Fernandes noted that the insurance that they purchase for the use may already have something on the use of inflatables.

S. Ruhl indicated that having the YMCA in Naugatuck take over the summer camp may not happen. The YMCA requires for all day camp that lunch would need to be available for campers if they forget their lunch. S. Ruhl noted that there is no facility at Pent Road to provide food for the campers that could be between 50-60 campers. S. Ruhl also noted that if it rains during the day, the campers cannot be left under the pavilion from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. S. Ruhl mentioned that the cost of the camp, under the YMCA, would increase from \$100 to \$1,800 for the summer.

S. Ruhl informed the Members that Alison Sirowich is stepping down from the Summer Camp program.

S. Ruhl indicated that a grant writer is trying to be found for moving the Rimmon Hill Schoolhouse to the end of North Main Street. S. Ruhl also indicated that a survey of the property needs to be done by Jim Galligan of Nafis & Young. There are three options on the property of where the schoolhouse could be placed.

#### **6. Correspondence**

S. Ruhl indicated that there was no Correspondence received for tonight's meeting.

#### **7. Applications**

S. Ruhl indicated that there were no applications received for tonight's meeting.

#### **8. Grant Information**

S. Ruhl indicated that there were no updates on the Grant Information.

#### **9. Review and Payment of Bills**

There were two invoices from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting. One invoice is for the June 17, 2019 monthly meeting in the amount of \$77.50 and one invoice is for the July 15, 2018 monthly meeting in the amount of \$43.50.

Motion to approve and pay the invoices from the Commission's clerk as submitted for tonight's meeting for a total amount of \$121.00: Egan/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

There were no other invoices received for tonight's meeting.

**10. Budget**

The budget was not received for tonight's meeting.

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

The Commission did not enter into Executive Session tonight.

**12. Adjournment**

S. Ruhl asked the Members if there were any other discussions for tonight's meeting and there were none.

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

**The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019, starting at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo  
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission