

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2019
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

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

Not Present: Desiree Brooks

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 August 19, 2019 as submitted: Egan/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

3. Comments from the Public

Eric Pulkkinen, representing Robert A. Cole Baseball, was present at tonight's meeting to find out the status of the batting cage damage. E. Pulkkinen also asked as to whom is responsible for the batting cages. S. Ruhl indicated that Softball purchased the netting and the damages were incurred due to the incorrect installation of the netting. E. Pulkkinen noted that the problem is more with the structure, not the netting. S. Ruhl indicated that the weight of the snow over the weather caused the damage to the pipe by giving way to the weight. S. Moffat noted that the batting cage wasn't designed for the weight of the snow and should have been taken down. S. Moffat also noted that the poles are bent and need to be replaced. S. Ruhl indicated that he believes that the town is responsible for the structure of the cage but Softball is responsible for the netting.

After a brief discussion, S. Ruhl indicated that quotes would need to be obtained from a licensed, insured company and would like to table the discussion until the next monthly meeting in order to get the quotes for repairs.

E. Pulkkinen also indicated that the freezer isn't working. S. Ruhl replied that the Board will have someone take a look at and if it cannot be fixed, then the town will have it replaced.

Brian O'Connell, Troop 104, was present at tonight's meeting to give an update on his Eagle Scout project. Br. O'Connell noted that the Commission gave permission about 4 months to build a Drowning Mitigation Station at Riverbend Park and informed the Members that it has been completed. B. O'Connell also noted that through donations, there are two extra life preservers and donated them to the Commission.

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

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

S. Ruhl indicated that the water quality at Matthies Park is being tested. S. Ruhl also indicated that the town is trying to cut some of the trails. S. Moffat noted that it will be mid to late fall when the town will be able to get into the trail more.

S. Ruhl noted that Allan Banyacsky emailed the September report to him and to the Selectmen. S. Ruhl also noted that B. Egan and himself will be meeting with Natasha Nau regarding signage. S. Ruhl also noted that a security system is needed for protection and to monitor vandalism.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Ruhl noted that there fall baseball and softball have started and two parties have submitted applications. S. Moffat noted that work is being done on the basketball courts being refurbished. B. Egan suggested to have the backboard and rims taken down to avoid vandalism and people jumping the fence to play on the court while being refurbished.

c. Riverbend Park

B. Egan indicated that there were no new updates on Riverbend Park.

d. Sports League Reports

S. Ruhl indicated that fall ball and soccer are going on now as well as flag football.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

B. Egan indicated that the summer concerts are done for this year.

f. Toby's Pond

S. Ruhl indicated that there is nothing going on right now at Toby's Pond but security is still a concern there.

5. New Business

B. Egan indicated that the town will be receiving a White Oak and a place for the tree will need to be determined.

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 the town is trying to get grants for the move of the Rimmon Hill Schoolhouse.

9. Review and Payment of Bills

There was one invoice from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting – for the August 19, 2019 monthly meeting in the amount of \$56.25.

Motion to approve and pay the invoices from the Commission's clerk as submitted for tonight's meeting for a total amount of \$56.25: Egan/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

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

10. Budget

The budget was received and received at 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 7:43 P.M.: Egan/Ferretti; no discussion; all ayes.

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission