

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



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

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

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

Not Present: Don Ferretti

Others Present: Allan Banyacsky

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

2. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes submitted for approval at tonight's meeting.

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

M. Fernandes asked if S. Ruhl received a reply from the Selectmen on the email that was sent regarding Matthies Park. S. Ruhl indicated that he received a response from the Superintendent of Region 16, Michael Yamin, questioning the Commission's request on their use of Matthies Park.

A Parks and Trails report from Allan Banyacsky was received and reviewed by the Members.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Ruhl noted that there was no new to report regarding Pent Road. S. Ruhl asked S. Moffat the conditions of the fields and which one would need the most work on in the spring. S. Moffat indicated that Field 3 would need the most work.

c. Riverbend Park

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

d. Sports League Reports

S. Ruhl indicated that basketball was in full swing.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

S. Ruhl noted that there were no park activities at this time.

f. Toby's Pond

D. Brooks indicated that there is nothing going on right now at Toby's Pond but asked about signage at the pond for ice fishing.

5. New Business

S. Moffat indicated that he was at the Finance Office today and was informed that there is a college student available to help out with updating the website, applications, etc. during the next month. S. Moffat will get the information as to when the student is available.

Allan Banyacsky provided a slide presentation to the Members regarding Matthies Park signage. A. Banyacsky and S. Ruhl indicated that there was a grant for \$12,000.00 available and they, along with B. Egan, met with Natasha Nau, Finance Manager, to review and discuss the signage. Based on the discussion and decision of the group, an order was placed for a total of \$11,220.92 which leaves \$779.08 for printing expenses.

Allan Banyacsky indicated that the Orange Trail has been complete reblazed.

S. Ruhl asked if A. Banyacsky would be interested in joining the Commission since Donna Taylor is unable to complete her term on the Commission. A. Banyacsky noted that he would think about this and get back to the Members.

6. Correspondence

S. Ruhl indicated that there was a letter from the Beacon Falls Youth Theater Group regarding a sponsorship. After reviewing the letter, a motion was made regarding becoming a Gold sponsor. Motion to approve and pay \$250.00 for becoming a Gold sponsor for the Beacon Falls Youth Theater Group which included a full page ad: **Fernandes/Egan**; no discussion; all ayes.

S. Ruhl indicated that there was a license renewal from the Health Dept. for the Sugar Shack at Pent Road.

7. Applications

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

8. Grant Information

S. Ruhl indicated that there was no grant information for discussion at tonight's meeting.

9. Review and Payment of Bills

There was one invoice from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting – for the September 16, 2019 monthly meeting in the amount of \$64.75.

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from the Commission's clerk as submitted for tonight's meeting for a total amount of \$64.75: **Fernandes/Brooks**; 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 7:51 P.M.: **Fernandes/Egan**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission