

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
January 21, 2020
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

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

Others Present: Allan Banyacsky, three students from Long River Middle School

Chairman Bob Egan 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 December 16, 2019 as submitted: Fernandes/Ruhl; no discussion; ayes by B. Egan, S. Ruhl, S. Moffat, M. Fernandes, and D. Brooks. D. Ferretti abstained since he was not present at the meeting.

3. Comments from the Public

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

There were three students from Long River Middle School present at tonight's meeting to observe.

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

B. Egan indicated that the signs that were ordered through the grant came in and noted that they look good. B. Egan also noted that pricing was being reviewed and a decision will be made on other signs.

S. Moffat mentioned that he started to assembly a few of the signs.

A Parks and Trails report was given by Allan Banyacsky. A. Banyacsky indicated that he redid the trail map for Matthies Park for the 2020 posting. A. Banyacsky also indicated that the Blue and Orange trails are still closed. A. Banyacsky acquired a quote for the re-powder coating the Matthies sign in the amount of \$309.00. A. Banyacsky noted that his plan is to have the sign re-powder coated in blue and the gold leaf redone. A. Banyacsky would like the Commission's permission to visit the company in New Haven to review the process in refurbishing the sign.

After a brief discussion, B. Egan asked for a motion regarding the re-powder coating the sign for Matthies Park.

Motion to approve the spending of \$309.00 in refurbishing the Matthies Park sign:
Ruhl/Ferretti; no discussion; all ayes.

Allan Banyacsky indicated that he spent time in updating the websites for Matthies Park, Toby's Pond, and River Bend Park. A. Banyacsky changed/added verbiage and included hyperlinks.

S. Moffat indicated that there is still vandalism occurring at Matthies Park. The park and the gates were closed after the last storm. After a brief discussion D. Ferretti noted that cameras will be installed at Town Hall and the Firehouse and will have the company review what would be needed at the park.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Moffat indicated that Eric Pulkkinen is looking for a status on the repairs to the batting cages. S. Moffat noted that he asked what amount of money would the baseball league would be willing to donate towards the cost of the repairs but has not received a response as of yet. S. Ruhl noted that the Commission would need to know if softball uses the cages as well. After a brief discussion, S. Ruhl noted that the cages were purchased by the league but wasn't sure if the softball league contributed money to the purchase.

c. Riverbend Park

B. Egan indicated that there were no new updates on Riverbend Park. S. Moffat indicated that the town received their oak tree and it was planted at River Bend Park.

d. Sports League Reports

B. Egan noted that nothing hasn't been heard recently from the sports league.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

B. Egan noted that some concerts have been scheduled for the Summer Concert Series. Also noted was the date of the town fireworks – July 11th.

f. Toby's Pond

S. Moffat noted that there has been vandalism at Toby's Pond as well and some of the holes are being filled.

5. New Business

B. Egan noted that the application needs to be redone and reviewed the current one. B. Egan also noted that the date needs to be changed as well as the rate for the police. B. Egan indicated that the police increased from \$55.00/hour to \$100.00/hour for week days and \$125.00/hour for weekends and holidays. D. Ferretti suggested a security deposit should be added in order to protect against damages/garbage left behind. D. Ferretti also suggest that the applicant would need to submit their plans prior to "X" number of days before.

Rob Pruzinsky stopped by at the meeting to discuss the basketball courts. R. Pruzinsky indicated that the new Town Engineer looked at the basketball courts and questioned if all the courts are needed. After brief discussion, R. Pruzinsky noted that the cost to do one court would be about \$100,000 to \$125,000 and if both are done, it would be about \$200,000. S. Moffat mentioned that there are cracks on the walking track that need to be repaired every year.

6. Correspondence

B. Egan indicated that a thank you card from the Beacon Falls Youth Theater Group for the Commission's donation.

7. Applications

B. Egan indicated that there were no applications received for tonight's meeting.

8. Grant Information

B. Egan noted that the signs for Matthies Park were purchased through a grant.

9. Review and Payment of Bills

There was one invoice from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting – for the December 16, 2019 monthly meeting in the amount of \$60.50.

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from the Commission's clerk as submitted for tonight's meeting for a total amount of \$60.50: **Ferretti/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

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M.: **Ferretti/Ruhl**; *no discussion*; all ayes.

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2019, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission