

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting

May 21, 2018

MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Present: Steve Ruhl, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Donna Taylor, and Bob Egan

Not Present: Don Ferretti, Allison Sirowich, and Desiree Brooks

Chairman Steve Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:05P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on April 16, 2018 as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: Fernandes/Taylor; no discussion; ayes by S. Ruhl, M. Fernandes, and D. Taylor; B. Egan abstained since he was not at the April 16, 2018 meeting.

3. Comments from the Public

Allan Banyacsky, the unappointed official Trail Keeper for Matthies Park, was present at tonight's meeting to give an update. A. Banyacsky distributed a written report to the Members. A. Banyacsky indicated that he printed 200 copies of the map at a printing shop and has submitted an invoice for \$90.00. A. Banyacsky also indicated that he spoke with Rich Minnick who introduced A. Banyacsky to the COG. A file was uploaded to the COG regarding the installed trails and plans for future trails.

Allan Banyacsky reported that there are plans to add another 1 ½ miles to the Orange Trail. A. Banyacsky was not able to complete the Orange Trail due to last week's tornado. A. Banyacsky noted that he will be using his ATV for reviewing the trails and has signed a waiver for the town of Beacon Falls. He also noted that any major work will be reported to Rob Pruzinsky and B. Egan as well as any maintenance to the trails will be reported to Lt. Eddie Rodriguez, R. Pruzinsky, and B. Egan.

Allan Banyacsky indicated that a hook-and-eye will be added to the map board to make it easier while updating. He will be purchasing colored paint pens so any updates to the trails will be noted. R. Minnick has asked for a trail map of Toby's Pond. A. Banyacsky noted that he will work on this and should have it completed by mid-June. The maps will be sent to R. Minnick and to the COG.

S. Ruhl asked if any of the Members had any questions for A. Banyacsky and there were none at this time.

Sophie Zyla, a member of the Conservation Commission, was present to inform the Members that a native garden will be done where the Japanese knotweed. The Commission had approved this to start in June 2018. S. Zyla provided some information as to getting rid of the knotweed. B. Egan confirmed that this was approved last year so a vote is not needed tonight.

Wanda Mulinski, a member of the Friends of the Library, and some of the members of the Ladies Guild were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the Town Fireworks. The ladies had some questions and concerns about the changes and how they will affect their organization. S. Ruhl gave an update about the Fireworks noting that there will be no outside vendors allowed to sell – only the Beacon Falls restaurants and organizations. The organizations will be able to set up around the firehouse and the fireworks will be going off from the bridge on Lopus Road.

S. Ruhl noted that a flyer needs to be created in order to inform the local businesses and organizations of this year's Town Fireworks.

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Ruhl noted an application, insurance, and payment has been received for a wedding on June 2, 2018. Laurel Ledge has also submitted an application for their Field Day to be held at Pent Field. S. Ruhl also noted that two baseball applications have also been received.

Dynamo Soccer wanted to use the fields but S. Ruhl informed them to wait until the fall.

c. Riverbend Park

B. Egan indicated that the picnic tables were supposed to be set up last week and are in the town garage ready to be installed when possible. B. Egan also indicated that the Legion put up a plaque/small monument and donated some trees. E.J. Smith expressed their interested in Adopt-A-Park and B. Egan will be meeting with them.

d. Sports League Reports

S. Ruhl noted that the sports leagues are in full swing.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

S. Ruhl indicated there were three applications received for Counselors-in-Training for the Summer Rec Program. Parents have asked for the latest applications/sign-ups for this coming summer.

B. Egan indicated that the Fishing Rodeo was held on April 28, 2018 and there were 32 kids participated and about 64 trout were caught. B. Egan would like to thank the Barksdale Family for their donation of all the prizes and St. Michael's Men's Club for the food.

B. Egan reviewed the Summer Concert Series with the Members.

S. Ruhl indicated that the volleyball clinic will be held at the end of August.

S. Ruhl noted that the Sugar Shack informed him that the food went bad due to the power loss last week. S. Ruhl asked if the Health Dept. has been back to inspect the hood. The Members were not sure and S. Ruhl indicated that this would be a good time to have them inspect the hood and to discuss the possibility of filing a claim for the loss food.

f. Community Media Center Update

There were no updates reported at tonight's meeting.

g. Toby's Pond

S. Ruhl indicated that R. Minnick had put a million shiners into Toby's Pond.

5. New Business

There was no new business discussed at tonight's meeting.

6. Correspondence

There was a thank you note received from the company where the picnic tables were purchased.

7. Applications

S. Ruhl indicated that he will process the applications that have been received.

8. Grant Information

There was no discussion on the Grant Information at tonight's meeting.

9. Review and Payment of Bills

There was one invoice from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting. The invoice is for the April 16, 2018 meeting and in the amount of \$60.50.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk's invoice dated 04/16/2018 in the amount of \$60.50:

Ruhl/Fernandes; *no discussion*; all ayes.

There was one invoice from Allan Banyacsky received for maps and pens. The invoice is in the amount of \$96.30/

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from Allan Banyacsky in the amount of \$96.30:

Fernandes/Egan; *no discussion*; all ayes.

10. Budget

The Members reviewed the budget 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 7:57P.M.: **Taylor/Fernandes;** *no discussion*; all ayes.

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission