

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2018

MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Present: Bob Egan, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Donna Taylor, Desiree Brooks, and Don Ferretti,

Not Present: Steve Ruhl and Allison Sirowich

Vice Chairman Bob Egan called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on May 21, 2018 as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: Fernandes/Taylor; no discussion; ayes by B. Egan, M. Fernandes, and D. Taylor; D. Ferretti and D. Brooks abstained since they were not at the May 21, 2018 meeting.

3. Comments from the Public

Charles Schwarz, a Boy Scout from Troup 114, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss his Eagle Scout Project to the Commission. The proposed project is for a soccer wall at Pent Road. C. Schwarz distributed pictures and details of the proposed plan to the Members and noted that he was not sure of the best location at Pent Road for the soccer wall. C. Schwarz also noted that he would be looking for donations and fundraisers to help fund the project. B. Egan suggested to meet with the Road Foreman to discuss the site for the soccer wall. D. Ferretti indicated that he will be guiding C. Schwarz in the project.

After a brief discussion, B. Egan asked the Members if there were any questions and there were none at this time.

Motion to approve the proposed Eagle Scout Project as submitted by Charles Schwarz: Fernandes/Brooks; no discussion; all ayes.

Allan Banyacsky was present at tonight's meeting to update the Members on Matthies Park. A. Banyacsky indicated that Matthies Park is closed indefinitely due to the damage caused by the tornado. There is no maintenance, clearing of the trails, or anything being done at this time. A. Banyacsky questioned C. Bielik if FEMA would be including the trails and a punch list from R. Pruzinsky is needed. A. Banyacsky also noted that Sophie Zyla requested that he attend the next Conservation Commission meeting in order to give an overview of the work done at Matthies Park and the possibility of creating a mapping of Lantern Ridge.

Sue Dowdell, the Library Director, was present at tonight' meeting to inform the Members that Kerrie Vardon attended a library conference where a workshop was held by EveryLibrary.org. That organization will be the consultants on the Building Committee and will be attending the next Community Media Center meeting.

S. Dowdell also indicated that she spoke with Sadie Colcord regarding an application being submitted to the CCMC's Municipal Excellent award. S. Dowdell noted that she will be including the robotics program as well as the youth theater program. S. Dowdell distributors copies of the playbill from the play that the Youth Theater Group just performed.

S. Dowdell noted that the robotics program is going to be revamped and will be instructed by K. Vardon. The focus will be on the team work and S. Dowdell will be working with K. Vardon. S. Dowdell also noted that the cost of sponsoring the team is \$450.00 if the Members are interested. B. Egan asked if it's for next fiscal year and S. Dowdell indicated yes, next fiscal year.

S. Dowdell informed the Members that they are looking for one of the Members to help with the Youth Theater Group. Since S. Dowdell is with the town, she holds the town insurance and someone needs to be present with the children as a representative from the town.

Erin Moffat was present at tonight's meeting to inform the Members that she has written an original play and was looking to see if the Commission would be interested in sponsoring it. E> Moffat noted that she is not looking to make any money but it is expensive to put a play on with all the outside costs involved, such an insurance. After a brief discussion and questions by the Members, E. Moffat will be doing some research and get back to the Members.

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

B. Egan noted that Matthies Park is closed until further notice, The Cardboard Boat Race has been postponed, and the Canoe & Kayak event will be taking place on Saturday, July 7th, at Toby's Pond between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. B. Egan reminded everyone that life jackets must be worn.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

B. Egan noted that there is debris in the back-parking lot which would affect the fireworks. B. Egan also noted that there is a new Fire Marshall and he is looking for a written approval from O & G and from the railroad to hold the fireworks in the new location.

c. Riverbend Park

B. Egan indicated that the picnic table have been put in. The American Legion put in a monument and will also be putting in a picnic table. B. Egan noted that Gabe's and John Smith from EJ Smith have indicated that they are still interested in adopting the park but it has been difficult in scheduling a meeting since the tornado hit.

d. Sports League Reports

B. Egan noted that he hasn't heard anything from the leagues.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

B. Egan indicated that the Summer Concert Series has begun.

f. Community Media Center Update

There were no updates reported at tonight's meeting.

g. Toby's Pond

D. Brooks indicated that she has spoken with the neighbors around the pond and there has been a lot of activity at night. D. Brooks noted that the park needs lighting, cameras, police activity, etc.

5. New Business

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

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received at tonight's meeting.

7. Applications

There were no applications received at tonight's meeting.

8. Grant Information

B. Egan indicated that there is a balance of \$435.00 left for the Riverbend Park from the Katherine Matthies Foundation Grant.

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 May 21, 2018 meeting and in the amount of \$60.50.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk's invoice dated 05/21/2018 in the amount of \$60.50:
Ferretti/Fernandes; 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

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 7:52 P.M.: **Taylor/Ferretti; no discussion; all ayes.**

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2018, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission