



**Beacon Falls Parks & Recreation Commission  
10 Maple Avenue  
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 17, 2023  
MINUTES (Subject to Revision)**

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** D. Ferretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Members Present:** D. Ferretti, M. Carroll, P. Monti, S. Moffat, R. Egan, L. DeGeorge, ME Fernandes  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Public Present:** Selectman M. Krenesky, S. Beck from YMCA
2. **Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:** **Motion to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes as presented. M. Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes. P. Monti seconded the motion. L. DeGeorge and R. Egan abstained. DF, MC, and SM voted aye.**
3. **Comments from the Public:** M. Krenesky noted that Steve Leeper has cardboard available for those who want to build cardboard boats. The group debated places to store cardboard, such as the Senior Center basement.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Matthies Park – S. Moffat noted that maintenance is up to date. There is a box at the pavilion now for facility applications which will show when it is reserved. The house is boarded up and S. Moffat was out there recently. For the placement of the new swing set, they are getting tree work done in the area. The grant will be submitted in May, approved in the summer and site work can resume once the grant is approved.
  - b. Pent Rd. Complex – S. Moffat reported that he called ME O'Brien about the spinner and the contractor should be coming back to repair it. There is a new sign on the pavilion to show when it is reserved. Opening Day is Saturday and Field #4 is being finished. The refrigerator at the Sugar Shack is not maintaining temperature. S. Moffat has spoken with Matt Smith from RACBL, and he may be able to switch out the refrigerator. He also spoke with RACBL about cleaning the snack more thoroughly and the league will pay for the cleaning service in the future. They are working on a plan for maintenance during the season. The netting for the courts is up. There are some concerns about the fencing for the court. The gauge of the wire from Select Fence is light and the wire is getting wavy and dented and curling under already. We should check the warranty on the fencing, gauge and the insulation. The gauge of the wire is much lighter than the gauge that was taken down and is an area of concern. Finance will review the fencing contract.
  - c. Toby's Pond – S. Moffat noted that he has finished cutting some brush. M. Carroll asked when it closes. Public Works opens the park in the AM and the Police close the park. Residents report that at night sometimes police cars sit in the park after dusk.

- d. Riverbend Park – No update.
- e. Community Garden – M. Krenesky noted that Todd Waldron has given 2 new people plots in the garden. D. Ferretti asked for Todd's contact information.
- f. Park Activities/Misc. – Earth Day 2023 is being held by the Library this Saturday. Opening Day is also Saturday.
- g. YMCA Update – S. Beck reported:
  - She was waiting to hear from D. Ferretti on the Safety Around Water location and time needed. The board determined the event should be 10:00 AM at Matthies Park on 5/13/23, if it can be held outdoors.
  - Summer Fishing Contest: S. Beck is waiting for Parks & Recreation to review the prizes and categories and get back to them on that.
  - Prizes for the Snowman contest will be dropped off to Lauren this week.
  - The Y is committed to busing the students from our camp to their camp in the afternoons this summer.
  - STEAM program will be starting the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Seniors Staying Connected: This program started on Saturdays.
  - Bike Rodeo: YMCA is donating 6 bikes to the event.
  - Babysitting Course –The next class is in Beacon Falls
- h. FY2023 Budget – The current status of the 2022-2023 budget was sent to all members.

## **5. New Business**

- a. Cardboard Boat Regatta: D. Ferretti has been in touch with Mainstream Canoe and Kayak. D. Ferretti would like to see groups involved in the regatta, such as local businesses. M. Carroll will do the flyer, registration form and liability waiver,
- b. Bike Rodeo: Scheduled for Pent Road June 3<sup>rd</sup>. D. Ferretti has been in touch with Officer Piccirillo about stations for the rodeo. He is also going to reach out to Amity Bike. The timing would be 9:00 AM – noon. Along with the bikes from the YMCA, D. Ferretti is hoping to hand out prizes such as helmets or water bottles for your bike. M. Carroll would like to do a bike decorating station and then the kids could parade around the Rec Plex. D. Ferretti believes there will be about 10 stations for the rodeo including safety check, helmet station. LD asked if there is a rain date, which would be June 4<sup>th</sup>. The commission will have cases of water as refreshments, but no food. Registration and publicity are needed. S. Beck noted that "Hats Off for Safety" may be a source for free helmets.
- c. Fishing Rodeo – April 27<sup>th</sup> – The flyer is ready to publicize.

## **6. Correspondence –**

- Email from Tim McCall about establishing an adult basketball league – R. Egan noted that the Facility Use application has place to reserve the courts. He could go through the facility application process to reserve court time for a league. S. Beck noted that Naugatuck has an active adult league with 14 teams.
- Beacon Falls Youth Theatre sent a letter seeking sponsors for their next production. **L. DeGeorge made a motion to sponsor \$250.00 gold level for Beacon Falls Youth Theatre. P Monti seconded the motion. All ayes.**

## **7. Facility Applications:** D. Ferretti approved an application from Ashley Perreault – Matthies pavilion – 5/7/23 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. There was another request by email for an open-air church meeting, but D. Ferretti has not seen an application yet.

## **8. Grant Information**

a. K. Matthies Grant – Due 5/1/2023 – P&R will be applying for a new swing set at Matthies Park with K. Matthies monies. S. Moffat spoke with Finance Manager N. Nau with some background information. The commission wanted to apply for Option #2 on the ME O'Brien quotation.

9. **Other Business:** None at this time.

10. **Adjournment –** R. Egan made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM. L. DeGeorge seconded the motion. All ayes.

Sincerely,

Erin A. Schwarz