



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

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 22, 2024  
MINUTES (Subject to Revision)**

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:** P. Monti called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**Members Present:** P. Monti, L. DeGeorge, R. Egan, M. Betti, D. Ferretti, V. Santos  
**Members Absent:** ME Fernandes  
**Public Present:** J. Delenick
2. **Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:** Motion to approve the March, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. B. Egan made a motion to approve the minutes. V. Santos seconded the motion. All ayes.
3. **Comments from the Public:**
  - J. Delenick urged the Board to review the technical report on the water quality report at Carrington Pond. She recommended that the board members obtain a copy of the report from Inland Wetlands and expressed concerns about PFAS levels in the water.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Matthies Park: D. Ferretti received a text from Steve Moffat who noted that they have been clearing the trails of branches which have fallen. They hung the swings for the new swing set and are doing routine spring cleaning.
  - b. Pent Road: The basketball hoops are still being refabricated and they hope to have them back next week. The new Parks & Rec sign board was installed at Pent Road. It is small and needs plexiglass rather than glass, so S. Moffat will work on replacing that. Opening day is this Saturday 4/27/24 for baseball and softball. They are getting the fields ready.
  - c. Toby's Pond, Riverbend, Veterans and Volunteer Park: Routine spring clean up maintenance.
  - d. Community Garden – V. Santos determined that opening day will be Mothers Day weekend. He will look at the tools to make sure they are good and Todd has the 50 foot hose. He will make sure the liability waivers are set, review signage for the garden, and we can announce the opening of the garden on the website. He is hoping that new plot signs could be a scout project. The flower garden needs a maintainer and the Kreneskys have helped with that in the past.
  - e. Park Activities. –
    - i **Fishing Rodeo:** All set for this Saturday, 4/27. The Men's Club will be there to cook. The Harding Trout Purchase Order is in process. Trout Unlimited would like to attend the fishing derby and D. Ferretti will be in touch with them. P. Monti has ordered the fish and they will be delivered on Thursday at 5:00 PM and gates will be locked until Saturday. Flyers have gone out.
    - ii **Bike Rodeo:** The Police Dept will help out again this year and J. Piccirillo will be there. A Flyer has gone out with sign up. Impact Teen Drivers is interested in appearing at the bike rodeo. This is a



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no cost event. D. Ferretti will be in touch with the Naugatuck YMCA for prizes: bike raffle. The event is June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to Noon for ages 12 and under. D. Ferretti has left over helmets and water bottles. Registration will be up to that day with same day registration until 10:00 AM. Rain date is June 15<sup>th</sup>. D. Ferretti will contact Jim Staib at Woodland about volunteers for the event.

iii DEEP Fish with Care Event: Flyer is out and there is a cap of 20 people. M. Betti will bring flyers to the fishing rodeo.

iv Summer Camp Registration: This flyer went out on Friday and we will be collecting registrations at Town Hall.

v Summer Concerts: R. Egan noted that he has all the concerts booked on Wednesday nights. The concert budget needs to increase for next year. The June 2024 budget will also need to be increased. There is only 1 concert in June and the flyer has gone out.

vi Fireworks – July 13, 2024 is the date and the contract is set. We hope to have a magician again and the YMCA for face painting. We also hope to have the bounce house/obstacle course again. Steve Tilki is the music and he is all set. The Fire Marshal has completed the permit paperwork.

vii Cardboard Boat Regatta: D. Ferretti expects more participation this year and people were enthusiastic. D. Ferretti will work on booking canoes and kayaks which will run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Regatta will be 10:00 AM – Noon on the last Saturday in July with a rain date. He hopes to book more canoes so people can go out together. People can also Bring Your Own Boat.

f. YMCA Update – D. Ferretti will reach out to someone at YMCA to discuss upcoming events: Bike Rodeo, Fireworks, etc.

g. Bulletin Board – Publicity Signage: L. DeGeorge will post flyers at Matthies/Pent Road. Park & Rec are responsible for the content on the bulletin boards, so L. DeGeorge hopes to get the keys so they can change out the messaging.

h. FY2025 Budget: The budget has been posted and the Public Hearing will be 5/8/24.

i. POCD (Plan of Conservation & Development): No update. We expect a draft from SLR which the commission can review. P. Monti noted that a Public bathroom at Matthies would be a good long term project which would greatly increase use of the park.

## **5. New Business:**

a. **Pent Road** – Recently there were 2 issues there with families dealing with a carload of kids, partying smoking pot and yelling obscenities. There was an incident with basketball courts, where adults tried to push a younger group off their courts. D. Ferretti spoke with J. Piccirillo. The commission discussed posting the police number at the park, or a message to call the police if there is an issue. The commission also asked if we have a camera that covers the court and where that camera's information is available. Should signage spell out for people what the expectations are, so they can't claim ignorance. The courts are First come, first serve. The commission wanted to ensure the gates are getting closed on time. They wish ask the Police Dept if they should do more patrols. The commission will discuss further and develop a plan with the help of the police department. Victor will get some ideas on signage from surrounding parks in other towns.

b. Beacon Hose has hired the same painter who painted the Lions scoreboard to complete the scoreboard that they sponsor. BHC will update the decals and obtain the COI from the painter and liability waiver



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- c. **L. DeGeorge a motion to use \$640 from Special Activities for the June Concert. M. Betti seconded the motion. All ayes.**
6. Correspondence: Brushy Hill riding lessons summer camp contacted the board about offering lessons for summer camp. D. Ferretti will reach out to them.
7. Facility Applications:
  - a. All the ball teams have their applications in except for Top Notch. Everyone else is in.
  - b. Mr. Drasko contacted Don about a gathering this Sunday for 15-20 people at Matthies. D. Ferretti explained the application process.
  - c. There are several birthday party applications and D. Ferretti is processing them.
  - d. D. Ferretti had someone inquire about the upper pavilion at Pent Road – The structure is not rentable, bathrooms are not operable and it needs to be refurbished. Should it be closed off to the public was a question asked by the commission, is it safe? P. Monti noted that it is far from everything that people want access to.
8. Grant Information:
  - a. DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development): The Town will be applying for next round of CIF fo the Community Center in June.
  - b. Matthies – For May, the library will be applying for K. Matthies grant, but the commission will consider benches and picnic tables at Matthies Park for next year.
9. Other Business: Next meeting the commission will start talking about the fall hayride. Add this to the agenda. They wish to discuss logistics.
10. Adjournment: **R. Egan made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM. L. DeGeorge seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Sincerely,

Erin A. Schwarz