

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
July 20, 2020
MINUTES – REVISED
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Chairman Bob Egan called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Present: Bob Egan (BE), Steve Moffat (SM), Mary Ellen Fernandes (MF), Laura DeGeorge (LD)

Not Present: Desiree Brooks (DB), Don Ferretti (DF), Steve Ruhl (SR)

Others Present: Allan Banyacsky

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on June 15, 2020 as submitted: **LD/MF**; *one revision under item # 10 insert "job" before description*; all ayes

3. Comments from the Public

none

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

BE – Al has been working with Steve with the new signage. Al stated they have been working 2-3 times a week down there. The signage at the entrance and the message centers we had to remark, last time we did it was in January/February. SM – today we finished mounting the brass plates to the signs, they look nice. Now we will finish mounting the last 4 signs. We are moving along nice. Al – I have had Kerry put out announcements via the website regarding the boards and message center. SM – we will leave the blue covering over the plexiglass until the revealing. BE – I was down there over the weekend and the signs look great. We appreciate your hard work on this project. SM – we think that the main message center should have a large rock with flowers or something under the sign to prevent people from wanting to run the sign down with a vehicle. BE – Steve sent me some photos from the park, do you want to speak about that? SM – yes, I met with a resident, Bernie Mollieur, he has some original ariel views of the park. He wants to turn them over to the town, but he does not want them to get lost or forgotten. Al – we can even add them to the website. SM – I sent in a report for the BOS meeting with the work that has been completed.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

SM – tennis courts have reopened, and we discussed opening the basketball courts. For now, they will remain closed. We removed the bleacher's off premises due to COVID. Al and I have been working on Playground signage. We met with the company that put the playscape in and have some safety concerns. We are still working on making the playground safe. Al – we met with CIRMA who did the initial inspection of Pent Road and we also did an inspection at Matthies. We are still waiting on the report. Once we get the report, we will meet with Gerry and decide on how we are going to proceed.

c. Riverbend Park

BE – have not heard anything on this. SM – other than brush clearing and routine maintenance, nothing besides that. AI – I have been checking compliance on licenses and most are compliant.

d. Sports League Reports

BE – Robert Cole Baseball leagues are playing teams from out of town and honoring social distances etc. Restrooms at Pent Rd. are locked.

Valley Fusion & Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 will be starting softball soon.

Girls leagues did not get enough sign ups so they will not be playing

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

BE – in the past Mary Ellen has volunteered to be on the 150th Committee from the town, and I saw Selectman Krenesky a couple of weeks ago and they are trying to plan a meeting. MF – we had a zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago. We did not confirm any activities but are trying to start fundraising around the end of

December. BE – they want to use some of our parks for the event. Selectman Krenesky also asked for an additional volunteer from our Board to fill in Donna

Taylor's spot. BE – if someone else wants to volunteer you can contact Selectman Krenesky. AI – just as an FYI, I have sent out reminders via the website about trail

etiquette and social distancing. MF – the firework and concert money, can we use that for other stuff so that we do not lose it? BE – I am not sure, but I will check with

Finance. MF – we may be able to use some of that to donate to the anniversary fund.

f. Toby's Pond

SM – on Friday, we started getting in there with the brush tractor. The Knotweed has gotten away from us and we are working to get it under control. AI – I did patrols and at Toby's I am finding a lot of watercraft that is not permitted. I have been checking for kayakers for PFD's.

5. New Business

None

6. Correspondence

BE – a girl that worked for recreation camp 4-5 years ago, applied for Shelton Board of Education and wanted a reference, which I sent back after I verified with Allison that she was a counselor and that she was in good standing.

7. Applications

Woodland Jr. Hawks football and cheer. They had 60 cheerleaders and only 3 football signups. I approved it, however, does not seem like they will be playing. Beacon Hose applied for softball which was approved. Today I received an application for the WRHS girls swim team to have a cornhole tournament at the rec field. I am waiting for the insurance certificate from the region before I approve it. They want to use fields 4 & 5. I will approve that once I have the insurance certificate. MF – what is the date they want to use it. BE – I believe it is 8/22 with a rain date of 8/23.

8. Grant Information

BE – finishing up the Matthies Grant signage project. That is our only outstanding grant.

9. Review and Payment of Bills

None

10. Budget

None

11. Executive Session (if needed)

none

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. **BE/LD; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission