

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2014**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

S. Ruhl called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:05 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, S. Ruhl, D. Palange, M-E Fernandes, M. Zollo, A. Sirowich (7:08 PM)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: J. DeGennaro

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

**MINUTES**

**B. Egan made a motion to approve the November, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. D. Palange seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**M-E Fernandes made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers, S. Ruhl as Chairman, B. Egan as Vice Chair. M. Zollo seconded the motion. S. Ruhl noted seeing no other nominations, the vote proceeded. All ayes.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MATTHIES PARK**

1. Swing sets have arrived and we are awaiting monies from the Katharine Matthies Foundation for this new equipment, which was within the amount requested in the grant.

**B. PENT ROAD**

1. The idea of installing cameras has been put on hold, as there has been some question as to whether the 1-2 incidents at Pent Road warrant surveillance cameras. D. Palange noted that the leagues may be willing to pay for the expense of the cameras and he can look into this option.
2. S. Ruhl noted that there are legal issues attached to cameras and who would be monitoring them, so the issue was tabled for the present.
3. Work is beginning on Fields #3-5 and they will be completely redone by spring.

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**C. RIVERBEND PARK**

B. Egan reported that the committee met and a scope of work is being submitted to the State of Connecticut which shows that project beginning spring, 2015 and being finished in summer, 2016.

**D. SPORTS LEAGUES**

A. Basketball League is up and running with some incidents to be noted under new business.

**E. PARK ACTIVITIES**

A. A. Sirowich noted that Zumba for Kids is currently the only activity running.

B. D. Palange has begun publicity for the day long ski trip to Butternut on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. He has flyers promoting the event with the intention to fill a 55 seat bus by mid-February deadline.

C. S. Ruhl will be meeting with the director of the Naugatuck YMCA on January 6<sup>th</sup> about activities they are offering. Recently, Naugatuck Y has been reaching out to the community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. This weekend there were 2 situations with the Basketball league which have been addressed with the league. On Saturday, people were parking in the upper parking lot at Laurel Ledge and in front of the gates blocking the entrance. With the construction at Laurel Ledge, basketball is fortunate to have permission to play at the school, so this should not happen again. The League will send a notice to all parents enforcing the parking requirements. There is plenty of parking at the Town Hall and on street to avoid this problem in the future.

B. Also on Saturday a parent was ejected from one of the Rec games for behavior towards a referee. The Basketball League needs to be consistent with the rules for suspending a parent and there should be a clear cut code of conduct which is signed by parents. The protocol set by the Basketball League will determine how incidents like this are handled moving forward and for the remainder of the season.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

S. Ruhl received a holiday card from Little River Power and A. Sirowich received a letter from S&S for summer recreation supplies.

**APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**GRANTS**

Nothing new on grants. The town is waiting for the funding for the grant for the swing set.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

None at this time.

**BUDGET**

S. Ruhl submitted the same budget for the upcoming year, which is currently approved for 2014-2015.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. The 2015 Meeting calendar was sent to the members. It contains Special meetings in January and February due to holidays. **B. Egan made a motion to approve the calendar. A. Sirowich seconded the motion. All ayes.**
- B. The 2015 Facilities Application was sent to the members. The only change on the form is the dates. A. Sirowich made a motion to approve the 2015 Facilities Application. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.**
- C. D. Palange noted that scheduling for the spring will be interesting because Laurel Ledge fields will not be available for T-ball or Coach Pitch this spring.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**B. Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. A. Sirowich seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz  
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission