

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2009**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

RECEIVED  
1:15 PM  
JUL 28 2009  
Grada H Beckwith  
BEACON FALLS TOWN CLERK

**CALL TO ORDER**

L. Swanson called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:03 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, R. Kunz, S. Osowiecki, J. Rodorigo, L. Swanson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: S. Ruhl, A. Sirowich

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Stzurma, Selectman Michael Krenesky

**MINUTES**

**B. Egan called for the approval of the June, 2009 meeting minutes, as submitted.  
S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Comments from the RACBL are noted below.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**S. Osowiecki motioned to move Sport Leagues to the top of the Agenda. J. Rodorigo seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**A. SPORTS LEAGUES**

1. The RACBL submitted a plan for Field Improvements to the Recreation Center at Pent Road. Scott Stzurma was present to respond to any questions that the commission had regarding the list.
2. Several of the items on the list are Little League safety issues. The commission reviewed the list and commented. They noted the netting on Field #1 behind the backstop needs repair, as B. Egan mentioned at the June meeting.
3. J. Rodorigo mentioned that Fields #3 and #5 are scheduled to be redone this fall. He reiterated that the majority of the Parks & Recreation Grounds Maintenance budget is spent at Pent Road, with a small percentage dedicated to Matthies and other parks in town.
4. J. Rodorigo also noted that the insurance company has been consulted on some of the safety issues and he has been looking into netting versus fencing to protect fans and coaches. There are cost and logistics issues to be considered with the improvements.
5. L. Swanson asked that the Parks & Recreation commission be given a chance to review the list of improvements and get back to the RACBL next month on the items that the town crew can accomplish and what the RACBL can do.
6. L. Swanson also asked for a design for the possible dugouts, which are on the list.

**B. MATTHIES PARK**

1. On July 18, both Matthies pavilion and Pent Road pavilion were used.

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2009**

2. Park Pals has scheduled another Boating Event on Carrington Pond, for Sunday, August 2 from noon until 4:00 PM.
3. J. Rodorigo reported that a company was hired to treat the water at Matthies using a DEP approved herbicide and the treatment will take place at the end of August at a cost of \$4,200.
4. CL&P will be working to correct the electrical problems at Matthies by running lines to provide a 200 amp service to the garage and 100 amp service to the boat house. This work will take place in the next 2-3 weeks.
5. The Cub Scout packs in town both have picnics and camp outs planned in August.

**C. PENT ROAD**

1. Woodland High School has submitted an application to use Field #3, 4, & 5 for soccer this fall. **J. Rodorigo called for a motion to accept this application. B. Egan seconded the application. All ayes.**
2. The Tucker family submitted an application to use the pavilion Saturday, July 25. Normal fees would apply. **J. Rodorigo called for a motion to accept this application. L. Swanson seconded the motion. All ayes.**
3. Junior Hawks Pop Warner program has submitted an application to use the Pent Road fields Monday through Friday this fall to have one or two teams practice. After discussion by the commission, *the motion on this application was tabled, pending a verbal proposal* to the Junior Hawks offering partial practice time of 2-3 nights per week. The commission is concerned about the wear and tear to the fields and the ability to maintain them.
4. J. Rodorigo noted that he is actively working with the Street Department and Selectmen to put together a 12 month Field Maintenance Program.

**D. SUGAR SHAK**

Nothing at this time.

**E. PARK ACTIVITIES**

1. J. Rodorigo noted that there are 72 students at the Summer Recreation Camp and the program is going well.
2. The concerts have been going smoothly and will continue regularly throughout the summer. There have been complaints about mosquitoes, which J. Rodorigo has looked into.
3. Family Day and the fireworks celebration went very well and this year the commission will look into competitive quotes from other fireworks companies.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. TPA Design Group met with A. Sirowich, J. Rodorigo and L. Swanson and they began putting together Conceptual Design Considerations for Matthies Park. A copy of the first draft will be provided to all the commissioners.
- B. L. Swanson also showed the group a map with trails marked off and discussed some of the main issues identified by TPA Group: such as site access, defining a central park area, safe trails and identifying good uses to make Matthies a four season park.
- C. R. Kunz spoke about the water and the possibility of a trout park at Matthies. The Inland Wetlands Commission and DEP will be involved in the process.

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 20, 2009**

- D. After conversation, the commission decided to review the TPA suggestions and at the August meeting, prioritize and make suggestions on the plan for the park. J. Roderigo mentioned adding a Matthies Park line item to the Parks & Recreation budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

J. Roderigo reported that A. Sirowich has received a letter from the Selectmen stating that the Activities Director position will not be filled during the 2009-2010 budget year. Selectman Mike Krenesky confirmed the contents of the letter.

**APPLICATIONS**

See Old Business: Pent Road.

**GRANTS**

This year the commission did not meet the deadline for filing an application for the Katherine Matthies grant. J. Roderigo encouraged the Board to contribute in this area.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS & BUDGET**

- A. J. Roderigo noted that the board is not responsible for paying the bills, only for the review of certain bills, pertaining to specific budget line items such as: Summer Program Activities, Concerts, Office Supplies, and Clerk. The board's focus should be limited to the budget line items which are under their control.
- B. J. Roderigo noted that there were 2 invoices in these categories: S&S for Summer Program supplies and a bill for the Matthies Park sign, which the commission ordered.

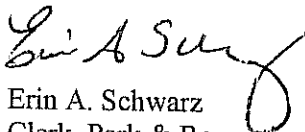
**OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Roderigo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin A. Schwarz  
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission