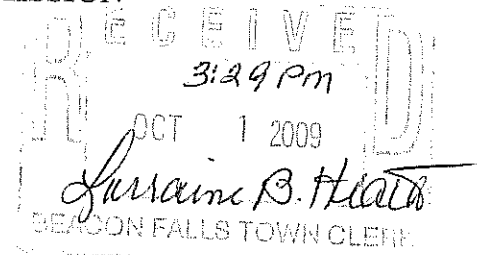


**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL



CALL TO ORDER

A. Sirowich called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:10 PM.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: S. Ruhl

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Bachleda

MINUTES

B. Egan called for the approval of the August, 2009 regular meeting minutes, as presented.

L. Swanson seconded the motion. All ayes.

S. Osowiecki called for approval of the September 2nd Special Meeting minutes, as presented.

J. Rodorigo seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. J. Rodorigo reported that the trees have been cut for CL&P and poles will be erected in the next 2 weeks, so that power can be switched over.
2. The pond treatment took place and it is working better than expected. There are some algae blooms in the pond which are a repercussion of the treatment. The algae will freeze and drop and a low oxygen diffuser may be used to prevent algae blooms in the future.
3. The mason has completed \$4,000 worth of work on the settling ponds.
4. Grills and trash receptacles have been installed by the pavilion. The town needs to purchase an ash can for hot coals in the grill area.
5. The Inland Wetlands Committee has requested that a representative from Parks & Recreation and the town foreman attend their meeting to update them on work being done to Matthies Park. There is a 5 year Park Maintenance agreement in place with Inland Wetlands, which is due for renewal and an extension of that agreement is pending.
6. J. Rodorigo noted that while the commission is making recommendations for work to be done at the parks, it is the town/street department that is actually doing and completing the work.
7. TPA Group will be mapping the wetlands as part of their plan for Matthies Park.
8. Haunted Hayride is scheduled for October 24 and October 25. Park Pals is looking for help with set up and for groups interested in being part of a scene. Members of the commission need to be present and involved with this event.

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

9. **J. Rodorigo made a motion to make a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission to seek state and federal funds for the maintenance, upkeep, and progress of Matthies Park. R. Kunz seconded the motion. All ayes.** Members of Parks & Recreation plan to be present at the next Selectmen's meeting to speak to this point.
10. TPA Group is awaiting a call from the commission on how to move forward with the plan. The commission agreed the focus should be on the development of the trails and site access. The commission will advise TPA to begin working on the details, ideas and design of these two priorities.

B. PENT ROAD

1. This fall, three applications came in from RACBL, Girls' Softball, and Chaos/Valley Fusion Softball and flag football are all playing at Pent Road. This is the most use that this field has seen in the fall and looking forward there may be scheduling conflicts, especially if baseball expands their fall ball play to Field #5.
2. Football is playing on the non-lit field areas to avoid damage to the baseball fields.
3. The new basketball and tennis courts are complete and look good.
4. J. Rodorigo is getting a price quote for fencing material for dug outs on Field #3 & #4. The price is coming from Atlas Fence and the leagues may contribute money towards these dugouts.
5. The commission is spending \$4,300 on OSHA insurance and league recommendations to elevate the fence to protect the fans between Fields #1 and Field #2. This work will be completed shortly.
6. The permanent home plate and pitcher's mound will be done in the spring.
7. B. Egan's concern regarding the netting on Field #1 will be addressed when the nets are extended.
8. A. Sirowich received a recommendation to post a No Rollerblading/Skateboarding sign on the new tennis courts. The new basketball courts are seeing a lot of play.

C. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. The commission noted that the Basketball League is seeking additional money. Their subsidy in past years has been \$1,250. The Sports Subsidy line item is divided between basketball, soccer, football, volleyball and swimming. Volleyball and swimming have not requested any funds.
2. **J. Rodorigo made a motion to provide basketball with a subsidy of \$1,250 and the remaining funds will be divided equally between soccer and football. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion and there were all ayes.**

D. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. B. Egan noted that the concert season has concluded and attendance was good. Next year, budget will allow fewer concerts, so the commission will need to choose the top 5 or 6 bands to return.
2. The summer programs went successfully, and A. Sirowich only received complaints regarding the USA Sports Camps.
3. Karate will continue on Monday nights at 6:00 PM at Laurel Ledge, and Zumba will be scheduled for Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM in the cafeteria. The adult basketball league will be playing open gym on Tuesday nights and an over 30 league on Friday nights. The league is open to Beacon Falls and Prospect residents only. Announcements will go in the papers.
4. After school programs will begin in November and the salmon class will be returning.
5. The Haunted Hayride will take place October 24 and October 25 at Matthies.

**BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

6. There was discussion of a fall canoe/kayaking event at Matthies Park and with the weather getting colder, this event must be scheduled or delayed until the spring. The commission agreed to delay the canoeing event until the spring.
7. A. Sirowich is planning the Holiday Lights contest again.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Sugar Shack has some questions regarding the liability involved when one of their members takes out the health permit to operate the Shack. J. Rodorigo explained that next season, a member of the commission may be responsible for pulling the permit, as a representative for the town.
- B. Discussion continued about the ownership of the Shack and J. Rodorigo explained that the town will continue to purchase items and equipment which are utilized by Parks & Recreation and are part of the Sugar Shack building, such as exhaust fans and refrigerators.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received. The commission did discuss a letter to the editor which appears in the paper regarding their attendance at the concerts.

APPLICATIONS - None at this time.

GRANTS

J. Rodorigo provided A. Sirowich with information on the DEP Trails Grant program.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The commission received a bill from the clerk, Erin Schwarz and bills from CL&P for electricity at the parks. **B. Egan made a motion to pay the bills. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes.**

BUDGET

Nothing at this time.

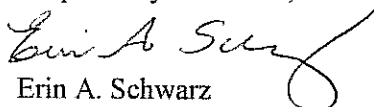
OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

L. Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. R. Kunz seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission