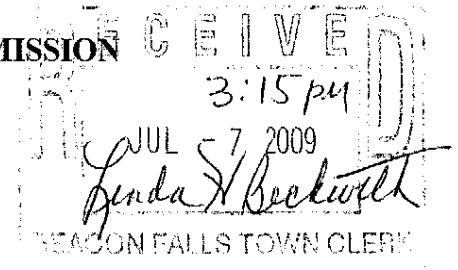


BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL



CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, S. Osowiecki, J. Rodorigo, A. Sirowich, L. Swanson (7:08 PM)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: R. Kunz, S. Ruhl

OTHERS PRESENT: Selectman Michael Krenesky (7:10 PM)

MINUTES

S. Osowiecki called for the approval of the May, 2009 meeting minutes, as submitted.

B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. The June 7th boating event went very well with 100-120 people in attendance and kayaks and canoes available for the public to use. Park Pals provided refreshments. Parks Pals is thinking of having another event in the summer and the commission would like to sponsor boating again in the fall.
2. J. Rodorigo mentioned that very little money has been spent on the Matthies Park from the budget and this needs to be rectified next year.

B. PENT ROAD

1. J. Rodorigo reported that the Selectmen have accepted a bid for reclaiming, resurfacing and repainting of the tennis and basketball courts in the amount of \$107,000. Work will begin on this project shortly.
2. The leagues will continue play at Pent Road through the end of June, with some tournaments in July.

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C. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. The town crew has done a good job providing a safe playable surface for the leagues. Fields are prepped and ready to play based on the schedule submitted at the start of the season. Rainouts have caused some issues.
2. J. Rodorigo mentioned that 65% of the Grounds Maintenance budget has been spent at Pent Road during the months of February through June, during the baseball and softball season.
3. The Girls Softball picnic is Saturday and this will conclude their season.
4. At the end of July, the crew will look at redoing Field 5 and then Field 3, and routine maintenance to other fields.

D. SUGAR SHAK

1. For a first year venture, the volunteers have made great effort and progress and have worked out many issues.
2. Issues remain concerning what Parks & Recreation can provide for the Sugar Shak, and J. Rodorigo noted that the commission can only make recommendations to the town crew and town leadership, who are responsible for determining how and when work is accomplished.
3. L. Swanson noted that the Sugar Shak is a money making venture, so their operating expenses should be part of their budget. J. Rodorigo noted that the commission is certainly able and willing to help with issues that pertain to the building where the Shak is housed, such as locks and supplying paper towels, soap, etc.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. A. Sirowich reported that the karate classes will continue on Monday evenings. The class is testing for their belts at USA Martial Arts on Monday. The class will be held outside during the summer and L. Swanson will look into locations.
2. Yoga classes will also be continuing outdoors and the Selectmen must be notified if the class intends to use the property at 35 Wolfe Avenue.
3. A. Sirowich is preparing a hand out to go out in the schools for the summer programs being offered.
4. The concerts are set to go and A. Sirowich and B. Egan may schedule additional bands.
5. A. Sirowich is recruiting help for Family Day on July 11th. B. Egan and L. Swanson will be available to help with the fireworks. Several groups will be their including Park Pals and Friends of the Library, Ladies Guild. A. Sirowich is working on the details of the event; including busing, sanitation, traffic, and publicity.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. B. Egan reported that the netting on Field 1 behind home plate is ripped and needs to be pulled back behind the back stop. The current position of the net interferes with umpiring the games on that field.
- B. The grills for the Matthies Park pavilion have been delivered and need installation.
- C. A. Sirowich reported that the First Selectman signed the TPA Group contract for Matthies Park.
- D. J. Rodorigo reported meeting with CL&P and a local electrician, regarding illegal lights in trees on the Matthies property. CL&P has an easement through Matthies and there is a need to upgrade electrical service to the park, changing out poles and moving power lines. To provide the park with 200 amp service and run the proper lines, the cost would total approximately \$5500.
- E. J. Rodorigo also met with Pond Specialists, who tested the water at Matthies and made recommendations to rectify problems which exist with the plant life in the pond. There are several methods to treat the overgrowth through spot treating the pond or creating an aeration system, which would help to keep the algae and sediment down. DEP is also due to look at the pond. A. Sirowich recommended keeping TPA Group in the loop with any decisions made regarding improvements to Matthies Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

The commission received an application from the Cub Scout Pack 116 to use the Matthies pavilion for their picnic and camp out on August 8-9. **J. Rodorigo made a motion to accept the application. B. Egan seconded the application and there were all ayes.**

GRANTS

This item was covered until Old Business: Pent Road and New Business.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Invoices presented include payment to Erin Schwarz. **J. Rodorigo made a motion to pay all of the appropriate bills. L. Swanson seconded the motion. All ayes.**

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. J. Rodorigo noted that two line items should be added to the bottom of the agenda for the July meeting and moving forward. **L. Swanson motioned to add agenda line items for**

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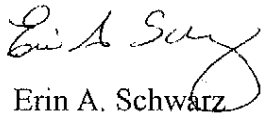
Budget and Executive Session (as needed). S. Osowiecki seconded the motion and there were all ayes.

2. J. Rodorigo reviewed the budget line items which the Parks & Recreation commission are responsible for and noted which line items where the commission has some control or influence on how monies are spent. The commission has no control over many line items, such as Building, Grounds, and Vehicle Maintenance. The board can only make recommendations.
3. J. Rodorigo has requested wish list from the Baseball and Softball Leagues at the conclusion of their seasons this year, in order to improve the process for next spring.
4. There was some discussion regarding the O&G property and the recommendations being composed by the Land Use Committee, before the town takes over this land.

ADJOURNMENT

B.Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. L. Swanson seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission

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