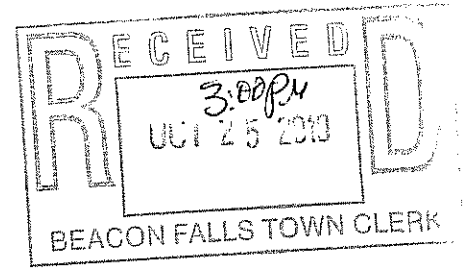


**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL



CALL TO ORDER

L. Swanson called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:08 PM.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

A. Sirowich called for the approval of the September, 2010 meeting minutes, as submitted. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. J. Rodorigo reported that the pond at Matthies has received two water treatments and a water sample taken in September tested fine. The effectiveness of the treatments will be determined next spring and the aeration system is installed and working.
2. \$4,000 worth of masonry work has been completed. The settling ponds will not be cleaned this year, as the budget has been depleted. This was a decision of the street foreman.
3. The commission is still awaiting a completed plan from the Boys Scouts for the footbridge project. The troop is still awaiting final approval from Boy Scout Council authorities before they can present the plan to the commission.
4. Katharine Matthies Foundation has asked for receipts for the purchase of materials to construct the footbridges before releasing monies to the town. J. Rodorigo is seeking quotations for the materials, which will be submitted to the foundation as soon as possible. The deadline for submission of this information is the end of December.

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B. PENT ROAD

1. The Fall Ball leagues are wrapping up play. Football and cheerleading are concluding their practices. Prospect Soccer played at Pent Road one Saturday very successfully and the league hopes to utilize the fields more frequently.
2. Dugouts on Field #4 have been completed at the expense of the RACBL.
3. A. Sirowich would like to see some improvements to the upper playground and pavilion and inquired as to whom monitors safety concerns at that site.

C. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. Basketball sign-ups took place and practices will begin the first week of November at Laurel Ledge. Space is tight for the league.
2. Sports subsidies for basketball and fall sports need to be reviewed and disbursed.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. A. Sirowich reported that she is running the following after school programs: Drawing, Lego Fungineering and Salmon Raising. All of these classes are full.
2. Zumba will be returning to Beacon Falls as soon as we have certified instructors.
3. Flanders Nature Center will be offering two one-day after school programs: Students will make birdfeeders on November 23 and wreaths on December 7.
4. J. Rodorigo requested help for the Park Pals Haunted Hayride on October 23 and October 24. Volunteers will be constructing a brand new haunted maze on Friday. Thank you letters are needed for donations for this event.
5. L. Swanson offered the idea of a town-wide Pumpkin Carving Contest for next fall, where entries provide their own pumpkins and Parks & Recreation provides prizes for each age level.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. J. Rodorigo distributed a report from the Finance Department showing the balance of the Summer/Pay for Play Checking Account at just over \$8,200. This is the account which holds monies from Zumba, Karate, camps, after school programs, etc.
- B. The Katharine Matthies plaques will come out of this balance at a cost of approximately \$1,300.
- C. The commission discussed collecting application fees from out of town teams, including travel teams not affiliated with the town and tournaments.
- D. J. Rodorigo also distributed a proposed ordinance from the Land Use Committee which outlines authority over how town land is utilized and names the Conservation Commission as final authority. The ordinance has not been adopted and J. Rodorigo expressed his personal concerns with language in the ordinance. The commission was encouraged to familiarize themselves with the proposal and to attend future meetings of the Land Use Committee.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The commission received a letter from the Board of Selectmen regarding suggested potential increases to clerk's wages.

APPLICATIONS

No applications are pending.

GRANTS

There is a grant pending for after school programs through the Eli Whitney Museum, with Connecticut Community Foundation. The Katharine Matthies grant was discussed in Old Business under Matthies Park.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Invoices were received from Erin Schwarz for clerk services. **A.Sirowich made a motion to pay these bills. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes.**

A.Sirowich made a motion to increase the clerk's wages by \$2.00 per meeting and \$2.00 per hour for clerical work and transcription. J. Rodorigo seconded the motion. All ayes. The Board of Selectmen will be notified.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominations for the commission's officers will take place in November with elections in December.

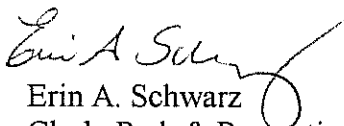
BUDGET

The commission will review an up to date budget during the November meeting to review spending under line items to date.

ADJOURNMENT

L. Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,


Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission

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