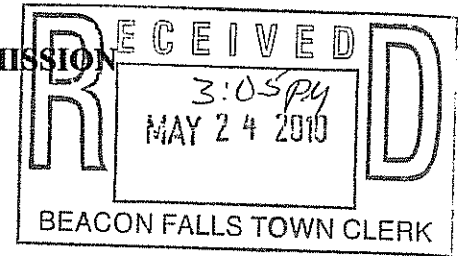


BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2010



SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, R. Kunz, S. Osowiecki, J. Rodorigo (7:25 PM), S. Ruhl, A. Sirowich, L. Swanson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Selectman Michael Krenesky (7:15 PM)

MINUTES

Regarding the April, 2010 Meeting Minutes, B. Egan noted that a reason must be stated for Executive Session. The minutes should be amended to include the reason for Executive Session was "to discuss personnel issues". **B. Egan called for the approval of the April, 2010 Meeting Minutes with the above amendment noted. R. Kunz seconded the motion. All ayes.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. The April 24 Fishing Rodeo was a success with approximately 60 children participating. The weather cooperated and it was a nice day with St. Michael's Men's Club providing prizes totaling \$350 and food. The commission will send a thank you letter to the Men's Club for their work on this event.
2. Pack 2010 held a cook-out and camp out at the park on May 14. Thunder and lightning evacuated the campers during the night.
3. J. Rodorigo received a grant for temporary employees to help out at the parks. They are working out well.

B. PENT ROAD

1. L. Swanson noted that she has received complaints about two Monday evenings when the softball fields have been prepped for play, while the baseball fields have not been prepped.
2. Skateboards on the basketball and tennis courts continue to be a problem because there is no enforcement of the posted signs.
3. Trash at Pent Road on weekends during the baseball and softball season needs to be addressed. Trash cans are overflowing by Sunday and the recycle program is non-existent, due to the overflow of trash.
4. There are some maintenance issues, such as a broken bleacher and hornet nests which need to be addressed.

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C. TOBY'S LANDING

1. R. Kunz inquired as to the schedule for opening and closing the gates at Toby's Pond. The park appears to be open intermittently with no regular schedule.
2. **As the park is under the Selectmen's jurisdiction, S. Osowiecki made a motion to remove Toby's Landing from the Parks & Recreation Commission agenda. R. Kunz seconded the motion. All ayes.**

D. SUGAR SHAK

The Sugar Shak is running smoothly at present.

E. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. Baseball and softball leagues are up and running well.
2. J. Rodorigo noted that there are some maintenance issues with the netting on Fields 1 & 2, where the leagues need our help to protect the public. J. Rodorigo is looking into quotes for netting and fencing for these fields. The current net is brittle, old and hung incorrectly and changes need to take place.
3. Prospect Soccer is still interested in practicing at Pent Road, if there is space available in the fall. J. Rodorigo noted they should complete the Field Use applications as soon as possible, and consider using the high school fields as another option.

F. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. A. Sirowich reported that the Drawing class is ending and she is looking into a drawing camp for the summer.
2. There are two Technology camps running in late July and early August. A. Sirowich is also taking to Girls, Inc. about a possible summer camp.
3. The Summer Recreation Camp begins on July 6th. This year there will be fewer trips and more activities will be brought into Pent Road for this camp. Sign up forms are online with a deadline of June 15th. Flyers will go out to the schools.
4. Zumba is seeking a location for the summer. L. Swanson would like to look into renting St. Michael's lyceum from June 22 through the end of August twice a week for Zumba classes.
5. The Salmon class successfully finished and AI Consilio is offering fly fishing classes this summer.
6. With the omission of the Activities Director line item from the budget, the commission discussed how to have personnel present at all of the events, programs, and camps being sponsored by Parks & Recreation.
7. New ideas include sponsoring a town-wide tag sale, much like Prospect does.
8. B. Egan has 6 concerts scheduled this summer: June 5 – Naugatuck Community Bank, June 19 – The Big Beat, June 26 – Angelo Ruggiero, July 31 – The Kerry Boys, August 14 – Red Dirt Road Band, August 21 – Rubber City Blues Band.
9. May 27th is the rescheduled Self-Defense workshop co-sponsored with the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

1. R. Kunz attended a Conservation Commission meeting where there was a long discussion concerning wetlands at Matthies Park and the Eagle Scout footbridge project. J. Rodorigo will be in touch with the Conservation Commission on this item.
2. J. Rodorigo is looking into obtaining defibrillators for Pent Road. The price quote is \$1,300 for each unit and they must be removed each winter. A grant may be the only way to obtain them.

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3. R. Kunz noted that the commission had discussed better signage at Pent Road with a map explaining where each field is located. This project is on the list of potential Eagle Scout projects for Troop 104.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPLICATIONS

None.

GRANTS

The Matthies grant was submitted to the Bank of America at the end of April.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

TPA Group is still owed their second payment of \$3,000, as they have completed the second portion of the plan for the park.

BUDGET

- A. A public hearing on the budget will take place tomorrow night at the Firehouse. The referendum is scheduled to take place on June 2 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM.
- B. In the last round of budget cuts, the Parks & Recreation commission reduced the following 3 line items by \$1,000 each: Summer Program Wages, Spray Clay and Fertilizer, and Commission Operating Expenses.
- C. If the budget does not pass, the following line items are in danger of being cut: Family Day, Sports Subsidies, and Summer Activities.
- D. The deadline for spending monies under the current budget is June 10th. There are monies remaining in the following line items: Summer Activities, Office Supplies, and Clerk Wages.

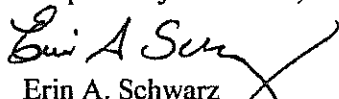
OTHER BUSINESS

1. J. Rodorigo noted that some items that the town crew is working on include: boxing and mulching around the Matthies Park playground area, ordering and stocking clay and fertilizer, fixing the netting and fencing at Pent Road, weather treating benches, looking into a low oxygen diffuser for Carrington Pond, and there are also 7-10 maintenance requests which need to be addressed.
2. A letter will go to the Board of Selectmen regarding some of the items discussed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A.Sirowich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,


Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission