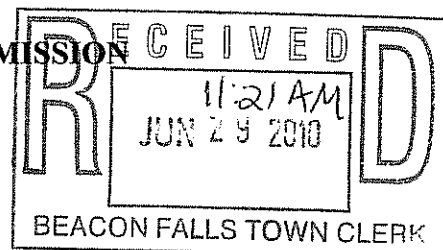


BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2010



SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

L. Swanson called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:12 PM.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: R. Kunz, S. Ruhl, A. Sirowich

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Groth, Don Ferretti and Tyler Hagen

J. Rodorigo made a motion to change the order of the agenda to hear public comment first. B. Egan seconded the motion.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Don Ferretti spoke as a Scout leader for Troop 104 regarding Tyler Hagen's Eagle Scout project. Tyler would like to pursue a picnic area at the right side of Carrington Pond, as it is laid out on the TPA plan. The project would include picnic tables and benches, a trash receptacle, a base of cedar chips and sign. J. Rodorigo noted that the town crew would need to mark out the area and raise the canopy of trees.

J. Rodorigo made a motion to approve the first picnic area noted on the TPA plan, on the right side of the pond, as an Eagle Scout project. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes. Don Ferretti and Tyler will be in touch with the committee as funds are appropriated, to discuss materials and grounds for the project.

MINUTES

S. Osowiecki called for the approval of the May, 2010 Meeting Minutes as submitted. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. The June 18 end of the school year celebration, hosted by Park Pals drew approximately 300 people and was a great success.
2. The town budget, which passed last week, has seen a reduction in the Parks & Recreation funds for the past 5 years. Matthies Park line item is \$10,000.
3. J. Rodorigo discussed an aeration system for Carrington Pond at a cost of approximately \$5,800. Treatment of the pond costs \$1,800 and would need to occur every other year. The aeration system prolongs this treatment cycle and therefore will pay for itself in 3-4 years. The system carries a 15 year warranty on the pump. There is \$3,000 available from maintenance line items in the 2009-2010 budget and the remainder would be taken out of the 2010-2011 budget. **B. Egan made a motion to move forward with the aeration system for the pond. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes.**
4. There was some vandalism to the electric safety plate on the pump house. CL&P will be installing a meter for safety reasons, at no cost to the town.

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B. PENT ROAD

1. Pavilion at Pent Road will be used on July 10 for the Softball League's picnic and on July 17 by the Seymour Police.
2. The fields are in good shape. There is a drainage issue behind Field #4, which is being addressed.
3. Bids have come in for the fencing and the recommendation is to retain the netting system and improve upon it.

C. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. Softball league and high school sports are finished.
2. Boys' baseball continues with All Stars, etc. into mid-summer.
3. Due to the bridge collapse in Naugatuck, their teams are borrowing the fields at Pent Road to finish their season.

D. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. A summer activities brochure went home to all of the Laurel Ledge students, showing all the summer camps and events which are scheduled for July and August.
2. June 28th will be the last day to register for the Rec camp at Pent Road. Now that the budget has passed, the registrations are coming in. True cost of the Rec Camp to the town budget: seasonal employee's wages are \$10,800 with the Director, Associate Director and 5 paid counselors. There is also \$2,000 of crafts/supplies, which comes out of the summer activities line item. The cost for parents is \$75 per child, with an average of 75-90 kids. On average Parks & Recreation collects \$7,500 from families participating in this program, which goes into the General Fund. The camp must have a minimum of 60 students to run. L. Swanson asked for a report from the camp director at the end of each summer.
3. B. Egan has several concerts scheduled this summer: June 19 – The Big Beat went very well. June 23 – Family Concert with Les Julian, June 26 – Angelo Ruggiero, July 24 – Marty Swiatek and RBO Polka Band, July 31 – The Kerry Boys, August 14 – Red Dirt Road Band, August 21 – Rubber City Blues Band. B. Egan is working on rescheduling the Naugatuck Community Band.
4. Sunday, July 18th, there will be a kayaking/canoeing event at Matthies Park hosted by Park Pals.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Family Day has not been funded in the 2010-2011 budget; however all is in order for the July 10, 2010 celebration. Buses have been ordered, entertainment has been booked, and the Port-O-Let company has been contacted. The second payment of \$3,750 to the fireworks company will be issued after 7/1/2010.
2. J. Rodorigo explained the costs associated with Family Day include \$7,500 for fireworks (which is spread over 2 fiscal years), \$900 for busing, \$400 for the band and the extra port-lets are donated by Oxbury.
3. Park Pals is interested in raising funds to support 2011 fireworks, by taking donations at their events.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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APPLICATIONS

Parks & Recreation received an incomplete application from Bulldog Baseball Camp. A certificate of insurance is needed to complete the application. A letter will be sent to Bulldog Baseball camp requesting insurance certificate. Once it is received the application can be reviewed at the July Parks & Recreation meeting.

GRANTS

1. The Matthies grant was submitted to the Bank of America at the end of April and A. Sirowich and E. Schwarz met with a representative from the bank in May.
2. The STEAP grant for \$260,000 for a new playground at Pent Road, lighting for the tennis courts and improvements to that area has been submitted and notification will come in November, 2010. If this grant is awarded, it will need to be completed in the spring of 2011.
3. **Regarding the pursuit of state and federal grant monies for the maintenance and improvement of Matthies Park, J. Rodorigo made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for discussion on the subject, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, August 16th, prior to the August Parks & Recreation meeting. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes. TPA Group should be present at the hearing, once they have been paid what is owed to them.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

J. Rodorigo made a motion to pay clerk bill for Erin Schwarz, and to reimburse Erin Schwarz for office supplies. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.

BUDGET

- A. J.Rodorigo reviewed the finalized 2010-2011 town budget and went over the cuts which were made.
- B. J. Rodorigo has spoken to several contractors regarding completing volunteer work to raise the canopy on the far side of the pond at Matthies Park.
- C. On the issue of the budget, the commission recognized Ed Groth, who inquired if the cuts were true reductions to last year's budget, and J. Rodorigo confirmed that these were true cuts.
- D. Ed. Groth commented that with the public voting against the budget twice, Parks & Recreation, the elderly, health, and safety were the areas which were hurt the most in the budget process and these are the last places he would wish to see cut. Mr. Groth noted he was also in favor of the Family Day fireworks, as a popular and celebrated community event for the Town of Beacon Falls.

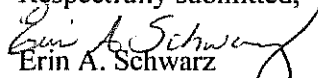
OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

B.Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,


Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission

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