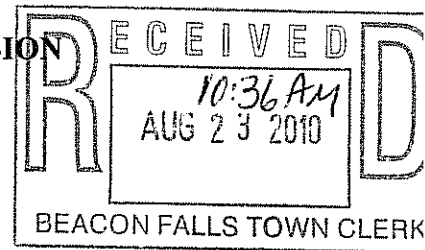


BEACON FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2010



SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

L. Swanson called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:35 PM.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. The water aeration system for the pond has been installed and is up and running.
2. The Settling ponds are scheduled for cleaning this September. There is a broken pump shut off valve which the water company will be looking into. The valve is no longer manufactured and will need to be replaced.
3. Pack 2010 held their picnic and camp out at the park this past Saturday.
4. The Eagle Scouts have begun working on the design of the first footbridge for the trail around the pond. The bridge will be 24 feet long and 4-5 feet wide. There is also a picnic area which will be part of the project. They anticipate beginning the project in September and the scouts may submit a solicitation for funds for the project. The commission would like to use the scouts' design to complete additional footbridges for this trail.
5. There was a break in at the boathouse and the town crew is looking into better securing the building.

B. PENT ROAD

1. There was a personnel change with town crew members stationed at Pent Road. All maintenance requests are to go through the First Selectmen's office.
2. The summer recreation camp has ended and was successful. Bulldog Baseball camp is currently at Pent Road.
3. State workers are stationed there and are currently staining guard rails and picnic benches and completing that type of maintenance.
4. The current soccer goals at Pent Road are close to 20 years old and in need of replacement. The commission has seen more requests coming from Prospect Soccer for the use of Pent Road. J. Rodorigo approached Woodland High School to share in the cost of replacing the goals, which should cost between \$2,500 and \$2,800.

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5. J. Rodorigo is also looking into replacing all of the signage at Pent Road at the same time, by the same company, so they are uniform. Discussion took place on providing a map of the Pent Road fields and fields will be clearly numbered moving forward.

C. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. Dave Bodnar is no longer the President of the RACBL. Scott Szturma is the current Vice President. Fall ball and Woodland soccer seasons will begin soon.
2. Jr. Hawks football and cheerleading are practicing on the fields.

D. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. Summer camps are all over: Girls' Inc., technology camp and Junior Rocketeering were successful.
2. There is 1 summer concert left: August 21 is Rubber City Blues Band. The August 14th concert of the Red Dirt Road Band was very well attended.
3. The summer session of Zumba will come to an end next Tuesday, August 24. Zumba will continue at Laurel Ledge in September; however the current instructor is opening her own studio, so L. Swanson and A. Sirowich are working to secure another instructor.
4. Karate will resume at Laurel Ledge after school starts and A. Sirowich has arranged another after school drawing class on Mondays this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. B. Egan inquired about plaques he is planning to order for Matthies Park, recognizing the Katharine Matthies Foundation. He was looking for input from the commissioners.
2. L. Swanson has an announcement for the paper regarding a Beacon Falls Running Club to begin in September.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPLICATIONS

1. The Commission is awaiting applications from RACBL for fall ball.
2. The commission wishes to remind organizations, such as the scouts, that applications are needed for the use of pavilions at Matthies and Pent Road. If there is a date change from the original application, a revised application should be submitted with the correct dates and information.
3. The commission received an application from Prospect Soccer for use of the Pent Road fields on October 16, 2010.
4. Prospect Pop Warner/Jr. Hawks submitted an application for use of outfields on Field #4 and #5 for practice and for games on Sunday.

GRANTS

Katharine Matthies Foundation awarded the commission a \$13,000 grant for the purpose of building footbridges for a trail around Carrington Pond.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

There were bills from the clerk, Erin Schwarz. **A. Sirowich motioned to pay this bill. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.**

BUDGET

1. There is currently no method in place for Parks & Recreation to track the balance in the separate pay-for-play checking account for activities. The commission agreed to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting a monthly report on that account, which would be available for the monthly meetings.
2. The commission will also request a final accounting of the costs of the Summer Recreation camp from the camp director.

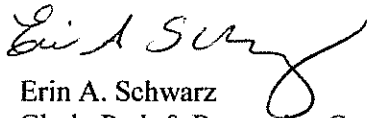
OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Rodorigo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. A. Sirowich seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Park & Recreation Commission

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