

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

J. Rodorigo called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:02 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, J. Rodorigo, S. Ruhl, S. Osowiecki, A. Sirowich and D. Sorrentino

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: N/A

MINUTES

- A. Sirowich made a motion to approve the August, 2012 meeting minutes, as posted. S. Osowiecki seconded the motion. All ayes.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public present.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. The Haunted Hayride is scheduled to take place on October 28 & 29 and Rotary Club is putting on the event with help from Parks & Recreation.
2. General maintenance is taking place and the bridges from Toby's Pond have been vandalized. Pickets have been kicked off the bridges. The town crew is moving them back into the garage.

B. PENT ROAD

1. The infield border of Field #2 has been repaired. The lip from the outfield was 8 inches higher than the infield, so it has been graded using 2400 sq. feet of sod.
2. The town crew is topdressing the other fields this week.
3. The toddler playground is down and the town is awaiting funds from Katharine Matthies to proceed. The area was seeded
4. October 29th is the last weekend for everything at Pent Road, with soccer ending on October 22nd.
5. J. Rodorigo has a meeting to go over the maintenance plan for the park.

C. RIVERBEND PARK

1. Finance Director Manny Gomez and J. Rodorigo have been trying to get in touch with Andrew Major of US Fish & Wildlife Service.

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2. Project P-76 has taken many months to move forward. J. Rodorigo will contact our State Representative Rosa DeLauro on this issue.

D. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. Fall baseball, soccer and football are all finishing up the end of October.
2. Basketball sign-ups took place last week and there is a late day for sign-ups next week. The sign-up numbers are down.
3. The commission discussed some of the solutions possible for dealing with low sign-up numbers for the older age groups, including working with Prospect leagues.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. A. Sirowich has a Cupcake Decorating class planned with Beacon Falls Bakery for later this week with 33 students signed up.
2. The Drawing class also starts up again next week.
3. The Fall Activities brochure will go home this week to Laurel Ledge students with all upcoming programs, including Flanders Nature Center, Karate, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE

The commission received a letter from the Board of Selectmen noting that all board members must sign a code of ethics.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. S. Ruhl noted that he is planning a Beacon Falls day at the Sound Tigers in February and has contacted the Middle School Music teacher about singing the National Anthem at the game.
- B. S. Ruhl was interviewed for an article in the Citizens' News about Matthies house application to be added to the State Historic Register.
- C. J. Rodorigo noted there is new protocol for anyone turning money into the town Finance Office. You must sign a deposit slip detailing what program the money is from. Denise from the Finance Office will use this information to generate a monthly spreadsheet for the Special Activities Account and Summer Program Account. This system allows more accurate tracking of incoming funds.
- D. The commission received a letter concerning how to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer and forwarded the information to the Conservation Commission.

APPLICATIONS

No applications at this time.

GRANTS

- A. The Riverbend grant is still pending.
- B. Follow up is needed on the Katharine Matthies grant monies.

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- C. The commission also applied for a Connecticut Community Foundation grant to bring the Eli Whitney Museum back to Beacon Falls for after school programs.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Two bills from the clerk, Erin Schwarz. **J. Rodorigo made a motion to pay the bills. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.**

BUDGET

- A. There is a new format for the town budget and currently the Parks monies are being spent well, with projects and ongoing maintenance.
B. J. Rodorigo will address one issue concerning a purchase order for \$12,000 which was cut for CL&P from the Electricity line item.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The commission received a brochure from ski resorts about sponsoring a town ski program. None of the commissioners were interested in pursuing this.
B. Parks & Recreation is helping to sponsor two programs with the Library. They are nature/animal programs; one in early November and the second program will be in the spring.
C. The Rotary Club's Haunted Hayride may include a band on Saturday night and a costume contest.
D. The commission received information from the DEP regarding monofilament containers which can be built to collect fishing wire at sites like Tobey's Pond and Matthies Park. Troop 104 may be interesting in building them or Mr. Concilio's Salmon class. D. Sorrentino noted we would need about 3 containers for each location.
E. J. Rodorigo noted there are no funds in the budget for holiday flags or banners for the light poles along the streetscape.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission