

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 19, 2014**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

S. Ruhl called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:18 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. DeGennaro, B. Egan, S. Ruhl, M. Zollo, D. Palange

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: A. Sirowich, M-E Fernandes

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Rodorigo, Beth Bucciferro from Brighten Your View

**MINUTES**

**B. Egan made a motion to approve the April, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. J. DeGennaro seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

J. Rodorigo reported that the pavilion at Pent Road is complete and should be opened on Friday.

The Fryer at the Sugar Shack stopped working and a new one has been ordered. The existing Fryer is 18 years old and expensive to repair.

Walsh Fence was contacted about the installation of the netting in the batting cage area, which are a maintenance issue. They are too short/small for the area and don't meet the outside wall. The town crew will work on making them work, by forming a narrow tunnel, by running 4 guidelines, so they will hook and roll back and forth. This way the nets can be run back and forth for mowing. They are narrow by about 2 feet – 10 feet wide. The crew will start working on the cages next week.

The commission provided the leagues with quotes for canopies for Field #1 & #2. Each canopy was quoted at \$11,000 and the leagues may have funds to contribute to the cost of those canopies with the town paying for the balance. It is most necessary on Field #1. A guide wire would run from the top of the pole on Field #1 down the first base side with netting coming back to the backstop. D. Palange will be in touch with the fencing company.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MATTHIES PARK**

1. Cardboard Boat Race and Canoe/Kayak Event are scheduled for July 12th.
2. The remaining monies in the Matthies Park line item will be used for masonry and for pond treatment, so the pond will be nice and clear for July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**B. PENT ROAD**

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1. Family Day Fireworks are set for dusk on July 12<sup>th</sup> and the bus company needs to be contacted for this event.
2. Rainouts have been an issue for the fields at Pent Road, and field closures and rescheduled games as a result. S. Ruhl walked the fields on Saturday morning and they were soggy. The leagues have also been notified to conserve Speedy-Dry materials, which are costly, and create a very hard field. S. Ruhl noted there is liability for the town when children are playing on wet fields, and coaches need to be aware. Safety is the biggest priority.

**C. RIVERBEND PARK**

The committee is still in communication with the State, awaiting approval, and the plan and the accounting are all set up and ready to go.

**D. SPORTS LEAGUES**

S. Ruhl will attend the RACBL meeting this week to address any issues which are pending.

**E. PARK ACTIVITIES**

1. J. DeGennaro will look into another show at Harboryard, possibly Cirque de Soliel for June.
2. She will need funds to subsidize the Swim Instructor and Lifeguards for swim lessons to keep costs down to families. She hopes lessons will take place the first weeks in July. She is charging \$60 per week or \$100 for 2 weeks.
3. The Fishing Derby held in April, had a steady turnout. Manpower and refreshments provided by St. Michael's Mens Club were appreciated. The Barksdale family provided prizes this year.
4. J. DeGennaro contacted Woodland High about advertising the Cardboard Boat Race at Woodland.
5. The Fireman's Carnival moved to June 14<sup>th</sup>, so B. Egan moved one of the concerts to June 7<sup>th</sup>, so it would not conflict. Nick Altieri will be the first concert on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Paypal account is now set up for the website and the commission needs to advise Beth which events will be paid for through Paypal.
- B. J. DeGennaro would like to put Swim Lessons through the website. She will look into putting Tennis Lessons through Paypal, Cirque de Soliel and the Summer Recreation Program will definitely go through the website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The commission has received several requests from potential Junior Counselors at the Summer Recreation Camp.

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**APPLICATIONS**

Several applications have come in which need to be reviewed and approved.

**GRANTS**

No news on the grant. We applied for Katharine Matthies grant for a new swing set at Matthies Park.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

None at this time.

**BUDGET**

There is a new format for the budget. Many of the parks line items have been shifted to the Street Department and the new budget has fewer line items pertaining to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Parks & Recreation will only be responsible for items such as Programs, Summer Recreation, Stock Fish, etc. Parks Maintenance line items were moved to the Street Department for Rob Pruzinsky's approval.

The Recreation Programs line item was lowered to \$9,000 for next fiscal year. This current fiscal year there is \$5,000 left in this line item through June 30<sup>th</sup>, so we have monies for spring programs. There is also money to spend for Office Supplies and Clerk.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

S. Ruhl will be attending a Planning & Zoning Meeting next week concerning Open Space and its effect on the Parks.

The Commission has also been renting out the Bounce house to interested parents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**B. Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. J. DeGennaro seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz  
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission