

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 16, 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 7:05 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. DeGennaro, B. Egan, S. Ruhl, M. Zollo, D. Palange, A. Sirowich, M-E Fernandes

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Beth Bucciferro from Brighten Your View

**MINUTES**

**B. Egan made a motion to approve the May, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.  
D. Palange seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Beth Bucciferro noted that she was present to show A. Sirowich some information on the website, how to access the back end, so that A. Sirowich can check registrations for Summer Recreation camp.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MATTHIES PARK**

1. Cardboard Boat Race and Canoe/Kayak Event are scheduled for July 12th.
2. The Matthies Foundation has asked for a quote by this Thursday for the cost of a new swing set at the park. This was in response to the current grant request.

**B. PENT ROAD**

1. The regular Baseball and Softball seasons are coming to a close. U10 and U14 Travel Softball will finish up shortly. All Stars is scheduled to start practices at Pent this week.
2. The RACBL year-end picnic is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. A. Sirowich is looking into a quote for a new swing set at Pent Road, which will be for 4 swings, including 1 baby swing and 1 handicapped swing. She will still use the pavilion up top this summer during the Summer Recreation Camp for adequate shade and because there is no electric available yet at the lower pavilion.

**C. RIVERBEND PARK**

No updates to this project.

**D. SPORTS LEAGUES**

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1. D. Palange has been speaking with the fence company owner about the batting cages and he proposes to set up a meeting with the fence company, Joe Rodorigo, and someone from the Board. Joe Rodorigo began this project, so he will remain involved until completion. The issue is that the town was specifying that the fence be done on cables, so the grass can be cut. The fence company views this as too much tension on the fence and they will not guarantee the work because they do not agree with the layout. The Leagues were planning to eliminate the grass inside the cages eventually. The project has taken a long time to complete and needs to be resolved.
2. D. Palange also noted there was a broken lock at the batting cages and there are a lot of keys out for the cages, so that access is an issue.
3. D. Palange asked about the proper response regarding travel teams who are using the fields for practice. Town teams always take priority when scheduling Field use, and there are younger town teams: Coach Pitch and T-ball, who are practicing at Laurel Ledge, who could potentially use open practice slots at Pent Road. Discussion continued about the priority given to town teams and access for travel teams.

7:20 Meeting relocated to the Small Conference Room across the Hall.

7:25 Meeting restarted.

**E. PARK ACTIVITIES**

1. J. DeGennaro had interest in the American Red Cross Babysitters Class, so she is running a class June 27<sup>th</sup> for one day. The class has 20 students and is full. She is offering discounted pricing of \$35.00 each.
2. J. DeGennaro looked into Cirque de Soliel at Harboryard but tickets prices were too steep.
3. J. DeGennaro will run 2 full weeks of Swim Lessons and tennis is up and running. She needs access to website background, so she can see sign-ups also.
4. S. Ruhl spoke with Mary at Harboryard about buying tickets to a pre-season Islanders/Bruins game on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parks & Recreation would buy 20-30 seats at a discounted price and make them available to the public. Tickets usually run \$30-\$40 per seat.
5. B. Egan has parking passes for the Family Day Fireworks celebration at Pent Road. A. Sirowich ordered 4 buses which will run from Woodland High School and the Firehouse. Family Day Fireworks is scheduled for the evening of July12th. This is the first year Recreation Camp will be running at the same time as the Fireworks set up.
6. The first summer concert, Nick Altieri, was well attended and went well. Next is North of Forty on Saturday, 6/21.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. M. Zollo asked who to speak with about the water fountain at Pent Road. She has received complaints about the water and bugs around the fountain. S. Ruhl will advise the Town crew of the complaints.
- B. As Chair and Vice-Chair S. Ruhl and B. Egan are now on the Land Use Board and they will begin attending meeting in September, during the first week of the month.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Information from Land Use Board for S. Ruhl and B. Egan.

**APPLICATIONS**

S. Ruhl has received Prospect Soccer's application for use of Pent Road in the fall. Fall applications from Baseball should come in shortly.

**GRANTS**

As previously mentioned, the Katharine Matthies Foundation has asked for a quote on the new swing set at Matthies Park.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**A.Sirowich made a motion to pay Beth Buccifero \$156.33 for website development. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**B.Egan made a motion to pay Erin Schwarz \$323.50 for clerk duties this spring. M. Zollo seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**BUDGET**

Budget is winding down for the year.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. D. Palange asked if the Commission would be willing to support a Parks & Recreation bus trip to Ski Sundown this winter. He will look into options for buses. The commission was in support of the trip.
- B. A. Sirowich noted that although Beacon Falls Bakery is closing, but the owner Sam is willing to continue offering Bakery after school programs at Laurel Ledge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**B. Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. J. DeGennaro seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz  
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission