

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 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: B. Egan, S. Ruhl, D. Palange, M.E. Fernandes, A. Sirowich, M. Zollo

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: J. DeGennaro

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MATTHIES PARK**

1. Swing sets are on order and will be installed soon.
2. The Haunted Hayride will take place at Matthies on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and Parks & Recreation will be purchasing the hay for the hayride.

**B. PENT ROAD**

1. Activity at Pent Road is winding down with the leagues coming to a close late October and early November. Prospect Soccer, NACBL, Girls' Softball, and Woodland Soccer are done using the complex. RACBL and Jr. Hawks are almost done with their season.
2. Fields #3 & #4 will be redone as soon as play finishes up, so this work will take place very soon.
3. There was some more vandalism at the complex with someone driving onto Field #3 and doing damage to the field. The commission discussed how soon cameras will be installed and S. Ruhl explained that the First Selectman's Office is gathering 3 bids for the project. Signs will need to be posted stating that cameras are in use.
4. Regarding batting cages, D. Palange is working on gathering materials; clay, brick, etc. and looking for sources for these materials now that the season has ended. Brick is difficult to get. The commission suggested some sources. Work will resume in the spring.

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**C. RIVERBEND PARK**

B. Egan reported that the committee meeting scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> was postponed, so there is no update. A new meeting date still needs to be set. The grant funds are still there and some reporting needs to be addressed, so that records are in the correct format for the State.

**D. SPORTS LEAGUES**

1. Parks & Recreation will be cutting the RACBL subsidy check and getting it to Kevin Hicks.
2. Basketball League try-outs will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Woodland.

**E. PARK ACTIVITIES**

1. A. Sirowich noted that Volleyball Camp and Zumba for Kids are the activities currently running.
2. Haunted Hayride will take place October 25 & 26 at Matthies Park, hosted by the Rotary Club.
3. D. Palange is looking into running a bus for a day long ski trip to Butternut on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, which is a good date late in the season. The lift tickets will be \$40 each and he is looking into the cost of the bus. As soon as details are finalized, we will publicize the trip. Butternut has lessons and rentals available and is under 2 hours away. The bus would leave at about 6:00 AM and return at 6:00 PM. The commission agreed on this date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

S. Ruhl received an email from the Seymour Softball League asking for use of the Pent Road facilities for a tournament next Fall to honor one of their coaches who passed away. They held the tournament for the first time this year and had issues with space, so they are looking at Pent Road as an alternative for next year. The commission discussed waiving the fee for out of town leagues, provided the tournament work around the established schedule of in town games.

**B. Egan made a motion to waive fees for the Seymour Softball League tournament next fall provided the League provide application and appropriate insurance. A. Sirowich seconded the motion. All ayes.**

**APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**GRANTS**

Nothing new.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

None at this time.

**BUDGET**

S. Ruhl asked if any of the commissioners had thoughts on the budget. His current plan is to apply for the same budget which is currently approved for 2014-2015.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. S. Ruhl wants to move forward with having volunteers groups, like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts “adopt” a section of the town median to weed and maintain. The town crew would mow the areas, but the Scouts could weed and plant flowers with a fall clean-up day and a spring clean-up day. The groups could post a temporary sign on their adopted median around June 1<sup>st</sup> which is the date Beacon Falls was founded and coincides with the carnival.
- B. Members of Parks & Recreation are also assigned to the Land Use Board and will attend their future meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**B. Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. D. Palange seconded the motion. All ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz  
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission