

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2015**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

B.Egan called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:08 PM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J.DeGennaro, D. Palange, A. Sirowich, B. Egan

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: S. Ruhl, M-E Fernandes

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

D. Palange made a motion to approve the June, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. B. Egan seconded the motion. All ayes from those who were present at the June meeting. J. DeGennaro abstained from the vote. There was no quorum in July, so there were no minutes for the month of July.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public present.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

- 1) The Cardboard Boat race and Canoe/Kayak took place at Matthies in July and were successful events.
- 2) Settling pond maintenance at Matthies should occur each year and be taking place this fall.
- 3) Elaine Ferretti completed her Girl Scout project, which is the kiosk at the park entrance, and it has been installed. A dedication ceremony is being planned for September 20th.
- 4) The commission still needs to thank Bart Hogestyn for sandblasting and restoring the Matthies Park sign at the entrance.

B. PENT ROAD

- 1) D. Palange noted that the field lights on Field #1 pole at Pent Road are still not working.
- 2) There is a High School soccer camp taking place at Pent Road this week and we expect activity to pick up so the park will be busy this fall. The soccer coach running the camp commented on the great quality of the fields at Pent.
- 3) Junior Hawks Football had requested that the field be lined for their event this coming weekend.

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- 4) Prospect Soccer will be using the Pent Road fields on 9/5, 9/19, 10/3 and 10/17. Their application was submitted to S. Ruhl. D. Palange noted that there will be no conflict with RACBL, as he has scheduled all the Saturday games on Field #1.
- 5) The Sugar Shak staff has been great this year and when the freezer broke at the Sugar Shak the Baseball and Softball leagues split the cost to replace it.
- 6) We need to complete the K. Matthies Foundation final grant report on the swing set, which needs to include photos and the plaque recognizing the Foundation for the sing set.

C. RIVERBEND PARK

Nothing new to report on progress with the park as the committee has not met recently. B.Egan explained that the Town is waiting for their engineering firm – Nafis and Young to finish their piece on the title searches for the project, before work can proceed. The Riverbend committee plans to meet next Monday.

D. SPORTS LEAGUES

- 1) RACBL will be holding Fall Ball and their application is being turned in for the start of practice next week. The season starts September 12th.
- 2) The commission expects applications from Softball and possibly Flag Football again for this fall, along with Prospect Soccer playing rec games at Pent Road.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

- 1) J. DeGennaro successfully ran Swim Lessons at Woodland from June 29 – July 3 and people asked for more of these. Her Volleyball camp has 22 participants and is going well. Tennis lessons from Mark Pizzi and K. Hourigan did not run due to lack of interest.
- 2) Summer Recreation Camp closed out and A. Sirowich had 120 kids participating. It went smoothly with the summer help that she enlisted. Kelsey Deegan worked out well as her assistant director.
- 3) B. Egan reported there are 2 concerts remaining- The Big Beat will play on Wednesday, August 19th and Western Roundup will play on August 29th. The concerts have had good turnouts and have been well attended.
- 4) The library will be running Lego Robotics classes after school at the library starting in September for 10 students- Grades 4 and up. We co-sponsored this class by helping them purchase the Robotics kits.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The commission will have a new member, Don Ferretti, who will be a welcome addition to the board. He was appointed at the last selectmen's meeting and will be available after he is sworn in. Don is currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 104.
- B. A. Sirowich noted that it is time to contact M&M Paving again to crack seal the basketball/tennis courts.
- C. D. Palange also noted that the pavilion picnic tables are quite dirty after the summer camp projects which took place down there.

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CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

D.Palange handed in the RACBL Field Use application for Fall Ball with practices starting next week.

GRANTS

- 1) Final grant report is still due to K. Matthies Foundation.
- 2) The commission discussed ideas for upcoming grant applications, such as a soccer wall at Pent Road, chess tables, or a bocce or shuffleboard court. The commission also welcomes ideas on how to improve on Matthies Park.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A.Sirowich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. D. Palange seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission