

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

B. Egan called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:06 PM and then led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: A. Sirowich, M-E Fernandes

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

S. Ruhl made a motion to approve the March, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. J. DeGennaro seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public present.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. Signs for the equestrians asking them to clean up waste went up along the paved trails today.
2. Tree work has been completed at Matthies and this expended the majority of the budget for Matthies Park line.
3. S. Ruhl and D. Ferretti received an email from an Audubon Society member showing run off from Oxford property. The silt fences installed are giving way and drainage is running from the Oxford line to Carrington Pond. The Commission will make sure that the Land Use/Inland Wetlands Officials are aware of the situation.
4. Fishing Rodeo is set for April 30th. Parks & Recreation provides the fish and the Men's Club provides food and prizes.

B. PENT ROAD

1. A large sign thanking Katharine Matthies Foundation for their contributions to Pent Road went up on the lower pavilion today.
2. Opening Day went smoothly for RACBL. Next year is the 25th anniversary of the renovations at Pent Road and B. Egan would like to recognize that on Opening Day next year.
3. D. Palange asked who is responsible for signage at the park. He would like to see No Smoking signs and signs for players stating "Do Not Hit Balls into the Fences", since this repeated practice has cause some damage to the fencing.
4. There is also a 5k race being run at Pent Road on May 14th.

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C. RIVERBEND PARK

1. B. Egan reported that the Riverbend Park Committee met tonight and the surveyor recently walked the property which was formerly owned by the Harmons. They are working with DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers to design the J-Hook.
2. They are still waiting for the State of Connecticut to finalize approval on the 2 pieces they own, but the parcels are on the agenda for the State Legislature in early May.

D. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. RACBL is up and running and the Girls Softball League opening day will be coming up next Saturday.
2. S. Ruhl noticed signs on the medians for Oxford Football and asked if/how they got approval to post notices in town.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. Zumba for Kids is running a final 5 week session from late April through early June.
2. B. Egan has booked 9 concerts for this summer: June 4 – Angelo, June 18 – 60's Satisfaction, July 16 – FROGS, July 23 – Rich Bobinski Orchestra, July 30 – Kerry Boys, August 6 – 81 South Band, August 20 – Rubber City Blues Band. All concerts are 6:00 PM on St. Michael's Green.
3. J. DeGennaro has set up a Babysitting Class through American Red Cross, which will be offered at a discounted price. The class will be Saturday, May 7th and a flyer was sent out recently.
4. J. DeGennaro is working with Coach Mike Magas at the High School on summer swim lessons the first week of July and tennis lessons this summer.
5. The Commission needs to start publicizing the Cardboard Boat race which will be Saturday, July 9th.
6. Summer Camp will run from July 5th through August 5th.
7. The Fireworks will have Steve Tilki as a performer. The commission needs to set up busing and D. Ferretti asked if there can be more to do for the kids while waiting for the fireworks to start. In the past there has been a moon bounce but it was a liability due to the numbers of children and lack of supervision. Can Jam was set up in the past and maybe some other games like corn hole can be borrowed. Perhaps the Friends of Library would offer face painting.
8. The high school gym will be closed all summer so no programs will run in the gym.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Egan wants to put together a celebration for the 25th anniversary of Pent Road next year. He will be looking for old pictures and to get the old-timers from the committee together.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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APPLICATIONS

Applications are being processed for the following at Pent Road:

- RABCL
- Girls Softball
- Library – Zumba Class
- United Day School
- Valley Fusion
- 5th Grade Field Day

Applications for Matthies pavilion have come in for the following:

- Girl Scout event in May
- Several birthday parties

GRANTS

The Katharine Matthies Foundation grant is due May 1st and the commission would like to explore applying for a new playscape at Pent Road. The existing playscape is 25 years old and it is just as costly to replace the parts as it would be to install a new playground.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

B. Egan presented 2 bills for payment from NuAge Signs. The Katharine Matthies sign was \$595.00 and is to be paid out of the remainder of the grant funds. The bill for the Equestrian signs was for \$520.00 is to be paid out of Recreation Programs and Activities line item. **S. Ruhl made a motion to approve these bills. D. Palange seconded the motion. All ayes.**

BUDGET

No discussion at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Ferretti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission