

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

B. Egan called the Special Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:04 PM and then led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, D. Brooks, A. Sirowich, D. Taylor, S. Ruhl (7:05 PM), M.E. Fernandes (7:10 PM)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: D. Ferretti

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

B. Egan asked for a motion to move Park Activities discussion of the Holistic Wellness Event to the beginning of the agenda as D. Brooks needs to leave the meeting early. **A. Sirowich made the motion to move the discussion of the Holistic Wellness Event to the beginning of the agenda. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.**

HOLISTIC WELLNESS EVENT

- A. D. Brooks has applied for a \$2,500 grant from Connecticut Community Foundation for financial support of the 1st Annual Holistic Health and Wellness Festival. She expects to have a response from CCF this Friday.
- B. Costs for the festival will include rental of tables/chairs, advertising, and police services. D. Brooks has drafted the attached letter to send out to potential vendors and presenters. She is planning to charge \$30 per vendor and \$50 for food vendors. She would like to invite natural and healthy food trucks. She would also like to purchase a large banner for the event.
- C. All of the Pent Road Complex would be available for presenters such as yoga, CrossFit and Zumba. The group also discussed having some music/entertainment for the day and creation of a logo for the event.
- D. Brooks exited the meeting at 7:20 PM.

MINUTES

- S. Ruhl made a motion to approve the January, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. D. Taylor seconded the motion. All ayes.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public was present.

OLD BUSINESS

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A. MATTHIES PARK

1. B. Egan spoke with M.E. Fernandes about the Town attorney's response to having a volunteer help in clearing the trails with small machinery. A hold harmless agreement is needed and then the work can be done.
2. Matthies Park is quiet this time of year, but some snow shoeing is taking place in the park.

B. PENT ROAD

B. Egan noted that Pent Road is currently quiet, and one of the major concerns of the baseball league is the flooding behind shortstop on Field #1. He has spoken with Public Works about the repairs needed to the field before the baseball season begins.

C. RIVERBEND PARK

1. Riverbend Park Committee is meeting tomorrow night. The American Legion is helping by purchasing some trees to replace those trees damaged and removed by beavers. They hope to save some of the trees by placing wire around the bottom.
2. Signage and lighting are the last pieces of the park to be completed. The formal opening of the park will be close to opening day of fishing season on April 8th.

D. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. Basketball League is ending soon. On 2/24/2017 there is a basketball jamboree for the 7th grade travel team.
2. The commission will review how the basketball league spends its \$1,000 subsidy and their other costs to determine what funds may be needed for next year.
3. April 22nd is Opening Day for RACBL. B. Egan is waiting for information on the opening day for softball.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. B. Egan reported that the annual fishing derby is scheduled for April 29th. It will be from 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Matthies Park for children 15 and under. There will be a prize in memory of Roy Gruner this year. The budget is \$3,000 to stock fish.
2. The Family Day Fireworks, Canoe/Kayak, and Cardboard Boat race will be July 8th.
3. B. Egan has booked 6-7 concerts and will fill most of the Saturdays in June, July and August as budget allows.
4. A. Siowich reported the dates for Summer Recreation camp will be July 10 – August 11th. Last year she has 140 students attend the camp.
5. Zumba for Kids is running another 5 week session throughout February.
6. S. Ruhl is planning on running Play-Well Technologies Lego camp again this summer. Play-Well would like to have an indoor location booked this year, so he will look into Woodland as an option.
7. The library thanked the commission for co-sponsoring their Flanders Nature Center programs. They are holding a Family Fishing Class sponsored by the State of Connecticut DEEP on April 4th. There are asking is Parks & Recreation can co-sponsor and fund a giveaway item for the class, such as a lure. The cost would be \$100. They are also interested in arranging a workshop by Humble Bee Co. on April

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6th which teaches people how to raise beehives. The cost of this program is \$250 and the library is asking for \$125 to split the cost.

8. **A. Sirowich made a motion to approve \$100 from Recreation Programs to co-sponsor the library's DEEP fishing class. M.E. Fernandes seconded the motion. All ayes.**
9. **S. Ruhl made a motion to approve \$125 from Recreation Programs to co-sponsor the Humble Bee program. A. Sirowich seconded the motion. All ayes.**

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

B. Egan is receiving flyers from bands for summer concerts.

APPLICATIONS

B. Egan has received the following applications for review:

- Woodland Regional High School Baseball and Softball
- RACBL
- Valley Girls Softball
- Valley Fusion – An insurance form is needed to complete the application.
- Ryan Matthews for Susie Foundation Kickball Tournament– with September 2017 dates – an insurance form is also needed.

GRANTS

A firm idea is needed for the Katharine Matthies Foundation grant which is due May 1st. A. Sirowich is still looking into the idea of a splash pad.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There is an invoice from Beth Bucciferro for \$243.75 for renewal of the www.bfpr.org website. The invoice was higher than what was approved last month. **M.E. Fernandes made a motion to pay this bill. D. Taylor seconded the motion. All ayes.**

BUDGET

Capital budget requests are due next week and the operating budget line items for Parks & Recreation are due 3/8/2017. One capital project that the commission is interested in is a plan for the upper pavilion at Pent Road.

A. Sirowich asked the commission to look into the costs of adding electricity to the lower pavilion at Pent Road.

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OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

M.E. Fernandes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. D. Taylor seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission

January 10, 2017

Dr. Yvette Whitton ND
11 Woodland Rd
Madison CT 06443

Dear Dr. Whitton:

The Beacon Falls Parks and Recreation Commission cordially invites you to participate in our 1st Annual Holistic Health and Wellness Festival which will take place on June 24th 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be held at the Pent Road Recreation Complex .

This event will host Holistic and Naturopathic NDs and consultants, including health and wellness groups to promote their services to the community. The purpose of the Festival is to increase awareness of alternative paths to healthier living through presentations, demonstrations and activities.

Vendor Name is invited to showcase your product/service at this event by providing educational information, demonstrations, screenings, or health awareness activities. *Cost is just \$*** Registration fee.*

The objectives of the festival include:

- To increase health awareness and disease prevention for residents by providing alternative health educational information, demonstrations and related activities
- Increase awareness of local, natural health services and resources.
- Motivate Participants in learning holistic approaches where mind, body and spirit are integrated to help maximize healing and healthy living
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If you are interested in participating, please complete and return the attached registration form by Friday, April 14th. Assigned space and event map will be provided to you before event

We look forward to hosting you at the 1st Annual Beacon Falls Holistic Health and Wellness Festival. If you have any questions, please contact Desiree Brooks at 203-450-3233 or soulcialfeedia@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Beacon Falls Park and Recreation Commission