

**BEACON FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER

B. Egan called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Beacon Falls Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:19 PM and then led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Egan, D. Ferretti, S. Ruhl, D. Brooks

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: A. Sirowich, D. Taylor, M.E. Fernandes,

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

S. Ruhl made a motion to approve the September, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. D. Ferretti seconded the motion. All ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public present.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

B. Egan's term as Chairman is up and next month we will need to nominate and elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MATTHIES PARK

1. B. Egan received a letter from Al Banyasky who asked about marking the trails at Matthies Park. He offered to paint the markers on the trails and was looking for recommendations on changes that need to be made to any of the trails, i.e. dead-ends, unmarked areas. Public Works is okay with this and he has the commission's permission to proceed. S. Ruhl noted that we may want to mark a trail to the old Revolutionary Road which ends up behind the WRHS baseball field. D. Ferretti offered to update the map in the kiosk with the trail information.
2. The garage at Matthies was broken into again by someone who cut off the locks. There was no equipment stored there, so nothing was taken. The question of security and the trail cameras being used there came up again. Solutions need to be explored.

B. PENT ROAD

1. Public Works has already purchased half of clay for Field #2 and will purchase the rest in the spring as the budget allows.
2. The Sugar Shack is not being used this fall and needs to be cleaned out for the winter.
3. Fall schedule should be winding down soon for baseball and softball.

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C. RIVERBEND PARK

1. The town received a \$7500 Katharine Matthies grant for picnic tables, grills and trees at the park. B. Egan met with the Public Works Department and they made a determination not to purchase grills, but they will proceed with buying two picnic tables and trees. Schruyver is looking into the trees and B. Egan will talk to EJ Smith about the footings for tables.
2. There was some discussion of shifting the horseshoe pits from the upper pavilion areas at Pent Road to the lower pavilion area or over to Riverbend Park.
3. The Riverbend Park committee received a complimentary email about the park from Tim Barry, a fisheries biologist from DEEP. When B. Egan walked the park with Public Works, there are already some concerns about maintenance and proceeding with the Adopt a Park program. The park is being well utilized.

D. SPORTS LEAGUES

1. The basketball League had their signups for both Recreational and Travel and they are moving forward with their season. They are working out gym usage with Region 16.

E. PARK ACTIVITIES

1. B. Egan booked The Bernadettes concert for 6/27/2018 and we have paid a deposit on that show.
2. Amy Enquist, Program Librarian, requested that Parks & Recreation co-sponsor a Flanders Nature Center wreath making workshop for elementary students. Students will be charged \$10 per wreath, if the commission approves to cover the remaining costs of \$200.00. S. Ruhl made a motion to approve the \$200 for the Flanders program and D. Brooks seconded the motion. All ayes.
3. An update is needed on the Zumba program at Laurel Ledge.
4. The Town's HR firm, McInnis Inc. has requested a job description for the Summer Recreation Camp positions. They have also requested that the counselors have more documentation, a letter or application applying for the position along with references.

F. COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER

1. S. Ruhl noted that there is no meeting this month, no question on the upcoming ballot and the committee is dwindling.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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APPLICATIONS

1. B.Egan has been processing the applications regularly. He approved a birthday party at Matthies Park for October 21st and there is a wedding coming up at Matthies in early November.

GRANTS

Nothing at this time. Tom Sobocinski has been hired as the town grant writer is beginning his search for grants.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

E. Schwarz submitted a bill for 3 meetings for \$145.00. **S. Ruhl made a motion to pay E. Schwarz. D. Ferretti seconded the motion. All ayes.**

BUDGET

The State budget uncertainty still has the possibility of impacting the Parks budget. As the State gets closer to finalizing a budget, the town will have more information.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Ferretti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. S. Ruhl seconded the motion. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Schwarz
Clerk, Parks & Recreation Commission