

Beacon Falls Parks and Recreation Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting

April 16, 2018

MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Present: Steve Ruhl, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Donna Taylor, Don Ferretti, and Desiree Brooks

Not Present: Allison Sirowich and Bob Egan

Chairman Steve Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on March 19, 2018 as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: Fernandes/Ferretti; no discussion; all ayes.

3. Comments from the Public

Allan Banyacsky, the unappointed official Trail Keeper for Matthies Park, was present at tonight's meeting to give an update. A. Banyacsky distributed a written report to the Members. A. Banyacsky indicated the status of the trails that have been updated and future plans for clearing the trails. A. Banyacsky also indicated that Map Box was repaired and painted by him. Maps have been placed in the box several times.

Recommendations by A. Banyacsky include a trash receptacle by the gate entrance to Matthies Park. S. Ruhl indicated that he will talk to Steve Moffat with Public Works regarding this. A. Banyacsky noted that he has incurred expenses – such as paint for the marking the trails, paint for the Map Box, and supplies in making the maps of the park. A. Banyacsky gave the receipts to B. Egan, who is not present at tonight's meeting. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to reimburse A. Banyacsky for materials and paper.

Motion to reimburse A. Banyacsky for the materials used to mark the trails for Matthies Parks and paper for making the maps: Ferretti/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

Chris Pulkkinen, a representative for Pack 2010, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss a few items. The Scouts are interested in doing a clean up on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22nd, in Matthies Park. S. Ruhl also suggested doing a clean up on Main Street as well. C. Pulkkinen noted that that may be a little difficult due to the age of the scouts and traffic but may be able to work on Main Street as well.

C. Pulkkinen also noted that a Family Campout at Matthies Park for the dates of 06/01/2018 to 06/03/2018 would like to be planned. An application and copy of the insurance will be submitted.

Eric Pulkkinen, a representative for Robert Cole Baseball, was present at tonight's meeting to thank the Members for the repairs that were done on the fields, batting cages, and scoreboards. E. Pulkkinen also noted that the league would like to have an end-of-year picnic for either 06/16/2018 or 06/23/2018. There was a question if a dunk tank would be a possibility and S. Ruhl indicated that he will look into the liability on having the dunk tank. E. Pulkkinen asked if a movie night was planned, would they be able to stay later. S. Ruhl indicated that that should not be a problem.

E. Pulkkinen noted that there is a shortage on the copies of keys for the sheds, bathrooms, and were looking to have more copies made. S. Ruhl indicated that he would ask S. Moffat regarding this and get back to him. E. Pulkkinen indicated that there are 3 copies and it would make it easier to have more copies for the coaches. E. Pulkkinen noted that the cost to make a copy is \$25.00.

Derek Palange, a representative for Babe Ruth Baseball, was present at tonight's meeting to inform the Members that the league is looking for a coach for the 13-14-year-olds. An application has been submitted but there is no schedule yet for the 13-14-15-year-olds. There is a schedule for the 13-year-olds just for practice, no games booked there yet. S. Ruhl indicated that a schedule needs to be submitted to avoid any conflicts. D. Palange noted that there are coaches, but no one wants to be a head coach.

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

S. Ruhl noted that he will talk with Chris Bielik regarding the work that A. Banyacsky is doing at Matthies Park and have some sort of recognition for everything he has been doing with his friend in clearing the trails.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Ruhl noted the baseball league would be responsibility for the cost of making copies of the keys.

c. Riverbend Park

D. Brooks noted that there were 2 birdhouses down and debris all over. D. Ferretti noted that he will talk with the Scouts about doing some cleanup at the park.

d. Sports League Reports

S. Ruhl noted that Opening Day for baseball has occurred and the season has started. Applications have been received from Baseball, Prospect Soccer, and Softball.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

There were no activities reported at tonight's meeting.

f. Community Media Center Update

There were no updates reported at tonight's meeting.

g. Toby's Pond

D. Brooks noted that the trails are awesome but warned everyone that ticks are out. D. Brooks also noted that there is a bee's nest so bees/hornets/wasps may be a problem.

D. Brooks questioned if a sign or something similar should be posted where the deep water is and the hill slope is steep. There was a brief discussion regarding the language and "Fish at Your Own Risk" may be appropriate. S. Ruhl will look into this.

5. New Business

D. Ferretti asked if the Cardboard Boat Regatta will be taking place on Family Day – July 7th. S. Ruhl indicated yes, with the town fireworks that night. S. Ruhl indicated that the local organization will be contacted regarding the fireworks and the possibility of selling food.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received for tonight's meeting.

7. Applications

S. Ruhl indicated that an application from Laurel Ledge was received for their Field Day. Prospect Soccer – Dynamo – also submitted an application. There are pending dates for Baseball.

8. Grant Information

S. Ruhl indicated that the town is not touching the Rimmon School House due to the damage done to the schoolhouse and the asbestosis inside.

9. Review and Payment of Bills

There was one invoice from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting. The invoice is for the March 19, 2018 meeting and in the amount of \$77.50.

Motion to approve and pay the clerk's invoice dated 03/19/2018 in the amount of \$77.50:
Ruhl/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

10. Budget

The budget was reviewed at tonight's meeting.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

The Commission did not enter into Executive Session tonight.

12. Adjournment

S. Ruhl asked the Members if there were any other discussions for tonight's meeting and there were none.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03P.M.: **Ferretti/Taylor; no discussion; all ayes.**

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission