

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



**BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting**

September 17, 2018

**MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Present: Steve Ruhl, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Bob Egan, Desiree Brooks, Donna Taylor (arrived at 7:07 P.M.), and Don Ferretti

Not Present: Allison Sirowich

Others Present: Allan Banyacsky

Chairman Steve Ruhl called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on August 20, 2018 as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: Ferretti/Fernandes; no discussion; ayes by S. Ruhl, M. Fernandes, D. Ferretti and abstentions by B. Egan and D. Brooks since they were not at the meeting.

3. Comments from the Public

Allan Banyacsky was present at tonight's meeting to update the Members on the Parks. A. Banyacsky indicated that Matthies Park is still closed and trail work is on hold until the park is reopened. A. Banyacsky indicated that he met with D. Ferretti and Travis Hopkins, a Boy Scout, to explore Toby's Pond for a potential Eagle Scout project. A. Banyacsky noted that the trail was virtually impassible because of the overgrowth. This information was passed along to S. Moffat and J. Kean of Public Works Dept. S. Moffat and K. Kean cleared the north and south side of the pond. A portion of the trail still needs to be cleared with hand-held power tools. S. Ruhl asked if there was still trash in the water at Toby's Pond and A. Banyacsky indicated that it was pretty clean.

Travis Hopkins, a Boy Scout, was present at tonight's meeting to let the Members know that he is still looking for an Eagle Scout project.

Ed Mulvihill, the player agent for Baseball, inquired about a new speaker system at the Rec Field. E. Mulvihill noted that there has not been a system in there for about three years and was wondering when a replacement system would be installed. S. Ruhl indicated that they would need to take a look at what is needed and will also need to get price quotes.

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

S. Ruhl indicated that the park is still closed since there are still some hazardous areas. S. Ruhl also indicated that Sophie Zyla is doing a great job in getting rid of the knotweed.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Ruhl indicated that the field are going to be abused due to all the requests to use the fields for football, baseball, softball, soccer, college baseball. S. Ruhl noted that the Members will need to discuss about limiting the use of the fields for next year.

c. Riverbend Park

B. Egan indicated that there wasn't much to update the Members on Riverbend Park.

d. Sports League Reports

S. Ruhl indicated that baseball and softball are moving along and that basketball will be starting soon.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

B. Egan indicated that Erin Moffat has had people backing out and her play is on hold right now. B. Egan also indicated that there was a party held at Pent Road and there was trash left behind, toilet paper in the bushes, beer caps found, and the applicants will not be approved for another application.

D. Brooks indicated that the Valley Shakespeare Theater Group is available for fundraisers. The Theater Group would perform a play, charge a price, and the Commission would get the difference. D. Brooks noted that they will come to a meeting at some point and present to the Members.

B. Egan mentioned that the Summer Concert series was not well attended this summer. It was a difficult summer with the weather and reschedules. The Bernadettes was the concert with the most in attendance. M. Fernandes suggested a change in time if the firemen could provide some lighting.

f. **Community Media Center Update**

M. Fernandes indicated that there is nothing to report from the Community Media Center.

g. **Toby's Pond**

S. Ruhl indicated that we received some good update earlier.

5. **New Business**

S. Ruhl indicated that the Ordinance was being reviewed and there is alternate spot that is available on this Commission. This will be added to the Ordinance. S. Ruhl also indicated that it is stated in the Ordinance that if a Member misses 3 consecutive meetings, they could be removed from the Commission.

6. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received for tonight's meeting.

7. **Applications**

There was an application received from the Flag Football League that was approved.

8. **Grant Information**

There was no discussion on Grant Information at tonight's meeting.

9. **Review and Payment of Bills**

There was an invoice from the Commission's clerk received for tonight's meeting. The invoice is for the August 20, 2018 meeting and in the amount of \$60.50.

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from the Commission's clerk as submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$60.50: **Fernandes/Ferretti**; no discussion; all ayes.

10. Budget

The budget was not received for tonight's meeting.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

The Commission did not enter into Executive Session tonight.

12. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44P.M.: Ferretti/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission