

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



BEACON FALLS PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting

November 19, 2018

MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Alliance

Present: Steve Ruhl, Mary Ellen Fernandes, Bob Egan, Donna Taylor, and Don Ferretti

Not Present: Desiree Brooks and Allison Sirowich

Others Present: Sue Talbot and Bill Mis, Naugatuck YMCA; Shawn Tottenham and Billy Braun, Beacon Falls Softball League

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on September 17, 2018 as submitted by the clerk for tonight's meeting: Egan/Ferretti; no discussion; all ayes.

3. Comments from the Public

Shawn Tottenham and Billy Braun were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the Beacon Falls Softball League. S. Tottenham indicated that he was the newly-elected President of the league and B. Braun was the newly-elected Vice President of the league. S. Tottenham indicated that the other Board Members are as follows:

Melissa Tottenham – Secretary
Sarah Montini – Treasurer
Capobianco – League Safety Officer

Nelson Accosta – League Concession Mgr.
Heather Braun – Public Relations
Joe Meeco – Coaching Coordinator

S. Tottenham noted that they will be attending various meetings in order to work with Parks & Rec.

Sue Talbot, Executive Director/CEO of the Naugatuck-Beacon Falls YMCA, was presented to inform the Commission on the programs available at the YMCA. S. Talbot indicated that a Beacon Falls Committee has been developed in order to determine what programs would be needed in the community. S. Talbot distributed copies of the Naugatuck YMCA Program Guide to the members. S. Talbot noted that they are trying to deepen the relationship with Beacon Falls and would like to know if a survey could be done to determine what is wanted.

4. Old Business

a. Matthies Park

S. Ruhl indicated that the park is open noting that there is still one trail is closed.

b. Pent Road Recreation Complex

S. Ruhl indicated that there is concern regarding abuse to the fields due to all the sport leagues requesting to use the field, especially football. 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 was nothing new to update the Members on regarding Riverbend Park.

d. Sports League Reports

S. Ruhl indicated that the basketball league is being formulated. S. Ruhl noted that there is change by incorporating 3rd grade up through 8th grade for the majors.

e. Park Activities / Miscellaneous

S. Ruhl indicated that there was nothing new to update the Members on regarding Park Activities and or Miscellaneous.

f. Community Media Center Update

M. Fernandes indicated that there was nothing new to update the Members on regarding the Community Media Center.

g. Toby's Pond

S. Ruhl indicated that there was nothing new to update the Members on regarding Toby's Pond.

5. New Business

S. Ruhl indicated there is State Senator George Logan visited the Rimmon Hill Schoolhouse and took some pictures. G. Logan has the task of trying to get the State of CT to deed over the property on North Main Street. S. Ruhl noted that the roof is awful, the floorboards are rotten, but is movable. M. Fernandes asked if there was a second location if North Main Street doesn't go through and S. Ruhl noted that there are a few possibilities. S. Ruhl also noted that the target date in for 2019 to go along with the 150th celebration of the town.

6. Correspondence

There was an email received from Sue Dowdell, Director of the Beacon Falls Library, requesting a donation of \$350.00 to the Beacon Falls Youth Theater Group. S. Dowdell indicated that the Youth Theater Group had to expend over \$1,000 for the rights to the show that they will be performing. The Youth Theater Group would acknowledge the Commission's co-sponsorship by putting the logo on the back of this year's t-shirts.

Motion to donate \$350.00 to the Beacon Falls Youth Theater Group: Fernandes/Egan;no discussion; all ayes.

7. Applications

S. Ruhl indicated there were no applications received.

8. Grant Information

S. Ruhl indicated that there were no updates on the Grant Information.

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 October 15, 2018 meeting and in the amount of \$56.25.

Motion to approve and pay the invoice from the Commission's clerks submitted for tonight's meeting in the amount of \$56.25: Egan/Fernandes;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. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

B. Egan nominated S. Ruhl for Chairman and M. Fernandes seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and S. Ruhl was elected as Chairman of Parks & Recreation Commission by a show of hands – 4 ayes and 0 nays.

S. Ruhl nominated B. Egan for Vice Chairman and D. Ferretti seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and B. Egan was elected as Vice Chairman of Parks & Recreation Commission by a show of hands – 4 ayes and 0 nays.

13. 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 7:28 P.M.: Egan/Fernandes; no discussion; all ayes.

The next regular meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018, starting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Parks and Recreation Commission