

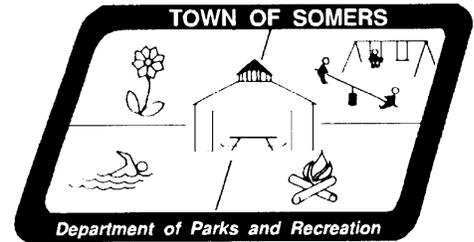
# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa  
Chairman



## MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2015

Chairman Papa opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The members present were: Jim Boniello, Gary Friedman, Jim Papa, John Papalia, Michele Sanz and Kevin Westerman.

Stephen Krug, Don Penzine and John Zattola were absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Boniello to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mr. Papalia seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

There were no questions or comments about Mr. Ralston's Report.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

### OLD BUSINESS

**2016 Budget Update** – Mr. Ralston had included \$10,000 in the 2016 budget to replace the water control system in Reis Park. At the budget hearings the Town Board informed him that Recreation Fees will be used for this expenditure.

**Tennis Court Replacement Estimate Discussion** – Mr. Ralston is in the process of getting estimates to replace the three connected tennis courts in Reis Park. This item will be discussed further at the December meeting.

**Maintenance Storage Building Discussion** – Mr. Ralston is researching maintenance storage buildings and costs. It will be placed in Reis Park beyond the Pony League field and will allow for all equipment that needs to be stored.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Grant Proposals Discussion** – The Town Board recently retained the services of J. O’Connell & Associates Grant Consultations. The Supervisor is asking all departments to send him a list of prospective projects that can be researched for possible grants.

**SYSO Baseball Scoreboard Proposal** – The SYSO Baseball program has indicated that they are interested in donating two solar scoreboards to the Parks and Recreation Department for the field at Van Tassell, as well as the Men’s Softball field. Since all groups can use these fields, perhaps the maintenance of these scoreboards can be the responsibility of the SYSO, not specifically the baseball program. Mr. Papa and Mr. Ralston will make arrangements to meet with Rey Solano and report back at the December meeting.

**Men’s Softball League Discussion** – Since both the League Supervisor and Umpire Coordinator have resigned, Mr. Ralston would like to sit down with the remaining Board members to discuss the 2016 season.

### **MR. RALSTON’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ralston reported that the hockey goals in the multi-purpose court in Reis Park were recently stolen.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Friedman once again extended his thanks to Mr. Ralston for doing a great job with the budget and echoed the same to Chairman Papa. All concurred. He also expressed his sincere appreciation to Charlie Fox, who recently resigned as Men’s Softball League Supervisor after 16 years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Board

cc: Parks & Recreation Board  
Superintendent of Parks & Recreation  
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Town Clerk