

Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2014

Chairman Papa opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The members present were: Jim Boniello, Stephen Krug, Jim Papa, John Papalia, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz, Kevin Westerman, and John Zattola.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston, and residents Rick Elliott, as well as Joe Sciacca were also present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Sanz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with SYSO Softball Commissioner Rick Elliott and SYSO Board Member Joe Sciacca

SYSO Softball Commissioner Rick Elliott and SYSO Board Member Joe Sciacca had two proposals they wanted to discuss with the Parks and Recreation Board. One was to modify the Town of Somers Department of Parks and Recreation Field Use Permit Guidelines to allow a non-Somers team to practice on our fields for 2 to 4 hours a week, and the other was to convert the baseball field at Van Tassell Park into a softball field for girls, as they have no dedicated field. A lengthy discussion took place. Various scenarios were offered, as well as concerns. All agreed to place these items on the January agenda so a final decision can be made.

2015 Program Fees

There are no increases to the Program Fees proposed for 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Projects Update

Avalon Town Green Update:

As part of the planned Avalon at Somers development on Route 6 next to The Mews, a 1.4 acre parcel will be deeded to the Town as a park. Chairman Papa and Mr. Ralston met with representatives of the Town Board, as well as the Planning Board and the Town Planner on November 5 to discuss this proposal further. It is the hope that the developer will satisfy the Recreation Fees requirement, as under the current guidelines it would be a considerable amount of money.

Hidden Meadows Update:

A new proposal has been offered by the developer to bring water and sewer lines to the Town's landlocked parcel, as well as issuing an easement to get to the property. The Parks and Recreation Board unanimously agreed to accept the new proposal. Mr. Papa will let the Planning Board know.

Community Pool Update:

A memo was sent to the Town Board on November 13 stating the decision made at the October 22 meeting, with regard to a Community Pool. The Board awaits the Town Board's decision.

2015 Budget Update

The Tot Time and Teen Lounge programs were eliminated from the 2015 Preliminary Budget. None of the staff will get raises.

2015 Meeting Dates

The 2015 meeting dates are as follows: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, September 2, October 28 and December 2. All meetings will be held in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was covered under New Business item Discussion with SYSO Softball Commissioner Rick Elliott and SYSO Board Member Joe Sciacca.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 28 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
Town Board
Town Clerk