

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa  
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## MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2016

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, and Kevin Westerman. Michele Werney and John Zattola were absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was covered under Kindness Rocks Project Discussion under New Business.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Papalia to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting as submitted. Ms. Sanz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

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

### NEW BUSINESS

**Upper Reis Trails Discussion** – About 30 years ago, a three trail loop Fitness Course with fitness stations was created in Upper Reis. As a result of long term wear and tear the trails and stations are now in need of being renovated and rebuilt. Mr. Penzine will send a letter to the Somers Lions Club requesting their help with this project.

**Kindness Rocks Project Discussion** – Resident Lisa Kimmel would like to create a Kindness Rocks Project in Reis Park. The goals are to inspire others through randomly placed rocks along the way and recruit every person who stumbles upon it to join in the pursuit of inspiring others through random acts of kindness. Each rock has a word, message, etc. and can be decorated and painted. A large rock will serve as an explanatory sign and the area, existing of about 2' by 2' will have a border around it. The two places being proposed are the trail head in upper Reis and at the entrance to the playground by the tennis courts. There were some concerns about placing it by the playground. It was suggested that the second location be by the Library's Sensory Garden.

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine and seconded by Mrs. Sanz to allow Ms. Kimmel to place two Kindness Rocks Projects in Reis Park. All arrangements are to be coordinated with Mr. Ralston. All were in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**2017 Budget Update** – The proposed 2017 budget was reviewed by the Town Board at the Parks and Recreation Department’s hearing on October 19. It was well received and there were no substantial changes. Unfortunately however, the request to have the existing part-time maintenance position increased to full-time was not approved.

**Concession Stand Discussion** – The three year contract on the Concession Stand between O’Neill’s Concession and the Town ends on November 30. The Town does have the option to extend it for 2 years with a 2% increase yearly above the current payment. Mr. Papa will send a memo to the Town Board recommending that they exercise the 2 year option to Mrs. O’Neill.

## **MR. RALSTON’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ralston didn’t have any comments this evening.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no Board Comments this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
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