

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa  
Chairman



## MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2015

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

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mr. Penzine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Town Board Property Donation Referrals

**Mitchell 4-Lot Conservation Subdivision** – The owner of the Mitchell 4-Lot Conservation Subdivision would like to donate land in lieu of Recreation Fees. A motion was made Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Penzine not to accept the land in lieu of Recreation Fees. All were in favor. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

**31 and 33 Entrance Way** – The owner of 31 and 33 Entrance Way is interested in donating these parcels to the Town. A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mrs. Sanz that the Parks and Recreation Board is not interested in these parcels. All were in favor. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

**Avalon** – A discussion took place with regard to a request to reduce the Recreation Fees for the affordable housing units in the Avalon development, as well as issuing a credit of Recreation Fees on the 1.4 Village Green parcel, as it will be able to be used by all Town residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine and seconded by Mrs. Sanz that the Parks and Recreation Board is in favor of giving a reduction in Recreation Fees for the 23 affordable housing units. All were in favor. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Krug that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that a credit in Recreation Fees for the 1.4 Village Green not be given. However if the Town Board feels there should be a credit, it should be equal to a residential site, not to exceed \$11,500 and the Village Green must be available to all residents. All were in favor. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Mr. Ralston has received a proposal from Woodard and Curran regarding building fields in Angle Fly Preserve. A meeting will be arranged to discuss the proposal further.

### **Town Pool Meeting Update**

A group of about 75 residents attended the last Town Board meeting requesting that consideration be given for a Town pool. Two of the Town Board members offered to donate their time to work with them to look into putting a survey together in order to see if it warrants moving forward on this proposal. Mr. Papa was present at the meeting and indicated that the three top priorities of the Parks and Recreation Board are a Senior Community Center, fields and a pool.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public present.

## **MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ralston had no comments.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

None of the Board members had any comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25 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