

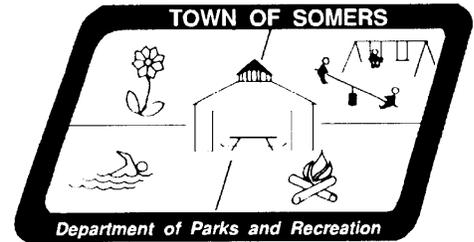
Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2016

Chairman Papa opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The members present were: Jim Boniello, Stephen Krug, Jim Papa, John Papalia, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz, and Kevin Westerman. John Zattola was absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston and Councilman Tom Garrity, as well as Concession Stand Contractor Stella O'Neill were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2016 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Concession Discussion – Concession Stand Contractor Stella O'Neill met with the Board this evening to discuss the upcoming season as she is the new manager of the stand this year. Mr. Ralston will provide Mrs. O'Neill with game schedules for Reis and Van Tassell Parks, as well as Fireman's and St. Joseph's fields. The Parks and Recreation Department welcomes any marketing materials that she can provide that can be added to the Town website, cable tv channel, park use permits, etc. Since Reis Park is so spread out, it was suggested that her staff bring drinks, ice cream, hot dogs, etc. in coolers and hot boxes to the fields while games are going on. There should also be a truck parked in the space provided in upper Reis. Various promotional ideas were discussed including lunch combos and less of them for the day campers, as well as perhaps an ad in The Somers Record. A flyer announcing the Concession Stand offerings will be created and provided to all sport coaches for distribution to their players. As long wait times have been an issue, maybe the menu can be scaled down in an effort to service the public more quickly. With regard to hours of operation, Mrs.

O'Neill will use her discretion when it comes to opening earlier or staying later. Ultimately, the Board wants the Concession Stand to be successful and is willing to help in any way to see that to fruition.

Property Referral Purchase Review – The Town has received a request from Douglas Lee of 4 Hemlock Drive to purchase two Town owned parcels (3 Geranium Drive and 6 Hemlock Drive) of undeveloped land adjacent to his property. Since the lots would not be able to be used for recreation purposes, the Parks and Recreation Board has no objection to the purchase. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Tennis Court Refurbishment Review – Three tennis courts in Reis Park are in need of refurbishment. A discussion and review of options for resurfacing took place. Mr. Ralston will request Town Board permission to go to bid on this project in May.

Basketball Court Light Project Review – Within the last month, one of the two basketball court light wooden poles was weakened by age and knocked down during a recent wind storm. Given that the second light pole is the same age as the one that went down, replacement of both was deemed appropriate. A discussion and review of some replacement alternatives took place.

Summer Camps Update – Registration for Day Camp is on-going until May 29 or until all spaces are filled, whichever comes first. There are 122 campers to date compared to 121 at this time last year. All (44) spaces have been filled in Session II, as well as III for Tusker Trax, and there is still room in Session I. There was a very long waiting list for Session II, so Andrew Johnson made arrangements to add a second bus for this Session in an effort to accommodate additional registrants. Session III has a small waiting list.

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Office Hours Update – In September 2015, permission was granted by the Town Board for a six month trial to change the Recreation Office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Many residents took advantage of the change and the feedback was positive. At their March 10, 2016 meeting the Town Board agreed to continue these hours.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

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

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board Comments, but Councilman Garrity asked if Mr. Ralston has received any possible grant opportunities from the Town grant writer and he has not. He also asked about the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All went well and several hundred attended the event in Reis Park on March 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place on

Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Board

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Town Board
Town Clerk