

Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2016

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

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

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the May 25, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Summer Camps Updates – Many new activities and trips are planned for Day Camp. There are 356 campers enrolled compared to 358 in 2015. The office has received a few inquiries regarding registration and will accept additional participants the week of July 4. All preparations have been completed in anticipation of the first day of camp on June 27.

There are a few spaces remaining in Session One of Tusker Trax. Session Two is full with an additional bus and Session Three has one opening. All is in order to begin the program, and Staff, as well as Parent Orientations have been held.

Reis Playground Equipment Update – Mr. Ralston met with the leaders of Girl Scout Troop 1461 regarding their donation of a handicap playground swing that will be installed at the playground in Reis Park. The enclosure was reduced a bit so the small pavilion will not have to be relocated. Work should begin at the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS

Dog Park Discussion – Mr. Ralston received an email from a resident with suggestions and concerns about the Dog Park. One of them was to provide shade. There is money available for capital improvements. All agreed to authorize the purchase of a canopy that can be permanently placed over the benches that exist. The other items were satisfactorily addressed.

2017 Budget – The budget meeting will be held on September 7. All members are encouraged to share any thoughts or ideas they have with Mr. Ralston as he begins the preparation of the 2017 departmental budget.

Tennis/Multi-Purpose Court Discussion – The interior fence of the tennis/multi-purpose court was removed as it was not in very good condition.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

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

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no additional Board comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 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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Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
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