

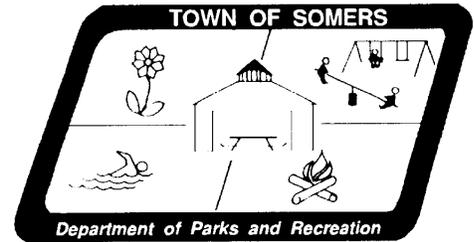
Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2016

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

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

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston and Councilman Richard Clinchy were also present.

With much regret, Chairman Papa read an email from Mr. Friedman indicating that he has decided that he does not want to be reappointed to the Board when his term expires in March. He has been on the Board for many years, served as Chairman for four of them and was the Vice Chairman under Mr. Papa for the remaining. Mr. Friedman was an asset to the Board, he was a pleasure to work with and will be missed immensely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mr. Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

Mr. Krug asked about the "RFP" for the removal, replacement and repair of several fences in Koegel, Reis, and Van Tassell Parks that Mr. Ralston is working on. Since the fences were made of lighter gauge wire, they need to be replaced.

To date, there are 24 residents registered to use the Dog Park. Mr. Boniello asked if that number is low. Mr. Ralston indicated that it only represents January and February. Last year at its peak, there were about 100 registered.

OLD BUSINESS

Concession Stand Update – Another meeting was held with the concessionaire to further discuss some items. They were addressed and quickly resolved. All agreed to invite them to the next meeting in an effort to provide them with user feedback, talk

about goals for the upcoming season, brainstorm on ways to generate revenue, etc. Mr. Ralston will make those arrangements.

Vincent J. Zappi Park Update – The conservation easement regarding Mr. Zappi's land donation to the Town was reviewed. Mr. Friedman will speak to him about adding the words "future site of" to the top of the sign that Mr. Zappi erected on the property.

Relay for Life Update – The Relay for Life Committee was able to secure the school for their event again this year so have rescinded their request to use Reis Park.

Men's Softball League Update – Mr. Ralston had a follow meeting with the Men's Softball League Advisory Board. The Parks and Recreation Department will be handling the back office administration work and the League the remaining tasks. They will be allowing a limited number of preapproved non-residents for this year only, to play in the A League in an effort as to not eliminate that league as a result of not having enough players.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston thanked Mr. Friedman for his years of service to the Parks and Recreation Board. He was always a terrific help. All members echoed his sentiments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Friedman thanked everyone for their well wishes. He feels as though he accomplished a lot as a member of the Board and it was truly a pleasure to serve with everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
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Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
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Town Clerk