

Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa
Chairman



MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2017

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

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

Michele Sanz and John Zattola were absent.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment this evening.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Werney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

Mr. Penzine expressed a personal concern that the Independence Day Celebration should be held on or closer to the actual date. A week or more away from the 4th takes away the true meaning of the day. Mr. Ralston explained that years ago a decision was made to make this change as securing enough manpower on the 4th of July was becoming a difficult task.

NEW BUSINESS

Men's Softball League Registration – Mr. Ralston is pleased to announce that participant's in the Men's Softball League will be able to register on line next year. His staff will continue to monitor to be sure that everyone playing did in fact register.

OLD BUSINESS

Camp Registrations Update – As of today, there are 200 campers registered for Day Camp. All three sessions of Tusker Trax Camp are filled with 44 teens per session. Forty four additional participants have been added to the second session. Staff for both programs is in the process of being interviewed. The start date is June 26. An Assistant Director for Tusker Trax and First Aid Supervisor for Day Camp are still in need.

Registration for all sports camps will begin soon.

Municipal Solar Buyers Group Update – Notification was received last week that the Municipal Solar Buyers Group program has been put on hold to work out some issues.

Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification Update – As per Supervisor Morrissey on April 17, the Town Attorney is following up with the County Attorney's office regarding the Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification. Hopefully we should see some movement soon.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston had no comments this evening.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Papalia asked procedures to use the tennis courts. Their availability is posted and residents can use them on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mr. Papa inquired as to how things are going with the concession stand. All is going well and they are open 7 days a week, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A lunch package for the campers costing \$5.00 will be offered. It was suggested that the concession stand be advertised on the entrance sign to Reis Park. Mr. Papa would also like some of their advertising so it can be added to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in 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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