

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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## MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2014

Chairman Papa opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The members present were: Jim Boniello, Gary Friedman, Stephen Krug, Jim Papa, John Papalia, Don Penzine and Michele Sanz.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston was also present.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Papalia seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

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

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Special Events Park Permit

All Board members received a final copy of the Special Events 2014 Park Permit application, as well as the Rules and Regulations. This will be used for a handful of community groups that draw large crowds to the Park while regular activities are going on as well.

#### Dog Park

The 2014 Dog Park Permit applications are ready. There were three large donors to the Dog Park, all of which have been recognized by plaques hung on the fencing. One of the donors would like to add a plaque with a picture of their daughter and her dog on it. All agreed that this picture should be incorporated into the existing plaque or a new plaque should be made that is not larger than the one that exists. The Board would also like to see a proposed prototype of what the final product will look like.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Windsor Farms/Hidden Meadow

The developer of Hidden Meadow Ken Kearney has offered to cut a road from his development to the Town's abutting property, which was donated by the developer of Windsor Farms. This is a huge advantage to the Town as cutting a road to the property

from Route 6 would have been cost prohibitive. The ultimate goal is to build ball fields on this property as per the Parks Master Plan Update and conservation easement. A meeting will take place with Mr. Kearney next week.

### **Concession Stand Contract Update**

At their December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting, the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to execute a General Release to LipOp, LLC for the Concession Stand Contract pending the return of their granting title to the equipment they had purchased with the exception of the Ice Cream Maker per advice of the Town Attorney. A new RFP has been prepared and sent to all possible suggested vendors.

### **Jr. League Field Renovation Request**

The SYSO Baseball Commissioner would like to extend the fence on the Jr. League Field and add netting to the outfield in an effort to create 50' pitcher's mound and 70' bases. The Board is concerned about safety on the tot playground and aesthetics. A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. Papalia to authorize Chairman Papa to write a letter to the SYSO Baseball Commissioner indicating that the Parks and Recreation Board will not support moving the fence or adding netting due to their safety concerns on the tot playground as well as the unappealing aesthetics of the netting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public present.

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

Mr. Ralston had no further comments.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no Board comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held in February, on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room in the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
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Town Clerk