

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa  
Chairman



## MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2015

Chairman Papa opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The members present were: Jim Boniello, Gary Friedman, Stephen Krug, Jim Papa, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz, and Kevin Westerman.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston, and Councilman Garrity were also present.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Westerman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

Mr. Krug was happy to see that a new Maintenance Laborer was hired and will be working flex hours.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Discussion with Somers Lions Reis Message Board

The Somers Lions Club is offering to replace the existing message board at the entrance to Reis Park. The Parks and Recreation Board is asking that consideration be given for one that is electronic. Mr. Papa will speak to the Historic Properties Board about this at their February meeting as this area is part of the Historic Corridor. The final proposal will also be shared with the Architectural Review Board as a courtesy.

#### 2015 Summer Camp Programs

New this summer is the Tot Group (in place of Tot Time Camp), for 4 and 5 year olds not yet eligible for Kindergarten. There is an option for this Group only to register for a half day (9 a.m. to 12 noon) or full (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Day Camp is available for youngsters entering grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>, and Tusker Trax, for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Capital Projects Update

Avalon Town Green:

A copy of a correspondence from the Town Planner to the Planning Board regarding Recreation Fees for the Avalon Village Green and the determination of value of contribution for this 1.4 acre village green was shared and briefly discussed.

### **Van Tassell Baseball/Softball Field Dimensions**

At the November Parks and Recreation Board meeting, SYSO Softball Commissioner Rick Elliott and SYSO Board Member Joe Sciacca were present to discuss a proposal they had to convert the baseball field at Van Tassell Park into a softball field for girls, as they have no dedicated field. A lengthy discussion took place. Various scenarios were offered, as well as concerns. This evening, a proposal was made to move the fence in along with the infield. The Board agreed to move the fence in, and either replace it with a new one and leave the old or just move in the old one. The infield dimension will not be changed as requested. Mr. Ralston will get a price to leave the existing fence and install a new fence.

### **Field Permit Rules/Regulations**

SYSO Softball Commissioner Rick Elliott and SYSO Board Member Joe Sciacca also presented a proposal at the November Board meeting to modify the Town of Somers Department of Parks and Recreation Field Use Permit Guidelines to allow a non-Somers team to practice on our fields for 2 to 4 hours a week. Again, a lengthy discussion took place and various scenarios offered, as well as concerns. The conversation continued this evening and a unanimous decision was made not to allow non-sanctioned teams to play on the Town fields.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public present.

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

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Krug is happy to see that every time he passes the Dog Park, it is being used. Mr. Ralston just wishes that folks would be more conscientious about picking up after their dogs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 25 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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Town Clerk