

# Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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## MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2014

Vice Chairman Friedman opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The members present were: Jim Boniello, Gary Friedman, Don Penzine, Michele Sanz and Kevin Westerman.

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

Vice Chairman Friedman welcomed newly appointed Board member Kevin Westerman.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Sanz to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Penzine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

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

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Windsor Farms/Hidden Meadow

Mr. Papa continues to attend Planning Board meetings regarding this project and things are moving forward as presented.

#### Conservation Easement Amending

There will be a meeting on April 30 with regard to amending the Conservation Easement to swap an 11 acre piece of property designated for active recreation from behind the Somers Manor Nursing Home with the lot behind the tennis courts in Reis Park. This process has been on hold for quite some time. Hopefully it will be completed soon.

#### 2014 Summer Camp Updates

Registration for Tot Time and Day Camp will continue on-line until May 17 or until all spaces are filled, whichever comes first. There are currently 168 registered for Day Camp as compared to 222 at this same time last year. Four have registered for Tot Time Camp and there were 13 last year. Ideally there needs to be 25 to run this camp so that it is self-supporting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Concessionaire Vending Machine Request**

The new concessionaire would like to put drink vending machines in upper Reis and under the Pavilion. Mr. Friedman recused himself from the discussion as the concessionaire is a past client of his. Some of the concerns that were brought up included what the machines look like; since there is no outside accessible electric in upper Reis, what type of machine would be used; who would maintain the machines; who would the money collected be paid to, the concessionaire or an outside service; and does the current contract cover this type of amendment. Since the concession stand is open for the majority of each day, a question came up as to why the concessionaire would want to put a vending machine under the pavilion rather than encouraging a patron to just go to the stand, although it did make sense to most that having a vending machine in upper Reis by the bathrooms was a good idea. Vandalism was also brought up, as that was a problem in the past when there were vending machines in the Park. Mr. Ralston will ask the concessionaire to provide a proposal addressing all of these concerns that can be shared with the Board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public present.

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

Mr. Ralston's had no additional comments.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Westerman reported that the Lions had an emergency meeting in an effort to brainstorm about ideas in which to attract more visitors to the Independence Day Celebration in Reis Park on June 28. They thought that providing some carnival rides and games might be something folks would like. However the concern was that the carnival company might only be willing to provide this service if there was an agreement for them to run the carnival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Lions are presently permitted to have rides and games on Saturday from 1:00 to 9:00 pm. The Board was requested to consider whether this permission could be expanded to Friday and/or Sunday. A discussion ensued. The Board declined to expand this permission. Some thought games would be okay, but rides would take away from the inexpensive, relaxing family day this event was originally intended for. There were also some concerns about placing the equipment on the grass in case of rain. Mr. Westerman will share these thoughts with the Lions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held in May, on the 28<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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cc: Parks & Recreation Board  
Superintendent of Parks & Recreation  
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Town Clerk