

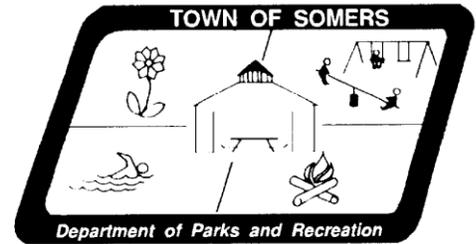
Somers Parks & Recreation Board

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James Papa
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MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2015

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, as well as SYSO representatives Rick Elliott, Chris Lieberman, Joe Sciacca, and Nick Ward-Willis were also present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Penzine to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mr. Zattola seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MR. RALSTON'S REPORT

It was confirmed for Mr. Boniello that the Supervisor has requested Mr. Ralston to survey neighboring towns with regard to builder's recreation fees, not program fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SYSO Softball Commissioner Rick Elliott, President Chris Lieberman and Past President Nick Ward-Willis addressed the Board. At last month's meeting, they requested to formally meet with the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss altering the dimensions on the field in Van Tassell Park in hopes that it can then be dedicated as a field for girls' softball. A very lengthy discussion ensued. All were given an opportunity to share their thoughts. It became difficult to come to a meeting of the minds, so a decision was made to create a sub-committee to further discuss and finally resolve this issue. The sub-committee will consist of a few members of SYSO and the Parks and Recreation Board, as well as Mr. Ralston. It was also suggested that the Somers High School Athletic Director be included as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Office Hours

Some of the office staff has been working from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the summer to better accommodate the residents. It has been working out well and all have appreciated the change. Mr. Ralston would like to make that change permanent. A motion was made by Mr. Penzine and seconded by Mr. Friedman to send a memo to the Town Board requesting the same. All were in favor.

Parks Smoking Policy

Mr. Ralston is in the process of surveying neighboring communities to see what their policy is on smoking in the parks. He will report back at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion with Rick Elliot, SYSO Softball Commissioner

This item is covered under the Public Comment section of the minutes.

Summer Camps

Camp registration totaled at 366 compared to 336 last year. Three weeks have been completed. All is going well and everyone seems to be having a great time.

MR. RALSTON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralston had no additional comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board members didn't have any additional comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park. The remaining meetings for the year is October 28, and December 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Board

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Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
Town Board
Town Clerk