

**TOWN OF SOMERS
RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
KIBBE FULLER COMMUNITY CENTER
December 3, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Jeff Jablonski called the special meeting of the Recreation Commission to order at 7:08 PM.

II. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING (11/15):

There were no discussions on the minutes of November 15, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Jablonski to approve the Recreation Commission minutes. Seconded by Mr. Woicik and unanimously voted as approved.

III. AUDIENCE/ATTENDANCE:

Members: Jeff Jablonski, Steve Woicik, Liz Devine, Steph Gershowitz, Karen McGuan and Tony Renzoni were present and constituted a quorum.

Also present were Bruce Urbon, Recreation Coordinator Amy Saada, Deputy Director of Public Works Todd Rolland and Recording Secretary Catherine Morrow.

IV. COORDINATOR REPORT:

Coordinator report given by Recreation Coordinator Amy Saada.

Requested that the Commission make changes or add to the 2005 field use policy; would like it to be more inclusive. Charged the Commission to make a final draft to be presented to the BOS and BOE.

She also mentioned that John Pantusco (not present) would like to look into an indoor soccer program for grades 3-12. She spoke to the school and the Basketball Gym Coordinator and said that no one uses the gym on Sundays. Mr. Jablonski decided to have a special meeting to discuss the documents, offered to have them sent out for revisions to be discussed. The matter is time sensitive and should be discussed before the January meeting; meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 18th.

Ms. Saada is also seeking instructors for TOT Basketball, Saturdays at 10am and 9am beginning on January 9th and running for five weeks.

V. DPW PARKS REPORT

Parks report given by Deputy Director of Public Works Todd Rolland.

The Department requests that all associations go through supplies stored in town buildings, as they will be cleaned during the winter and all non-current equipment will be disposed of.

The intersection improvements at Ninth District Road and Main Street went out to bid. Construction will commence in the spring. The firehouse parking lot closed for two years +/- (but the fields will still be used). It was mentioned that the Bowers tournament is not able to be there this year (bc of traffic problem this will create). Parking is permitted on the access road but plan accordingly as this space is limited. Ninth District Road will most likely close this summer, all school access will be from Billings Road (hopefully smooth by the time school starts)

In regards to Field #5, the plan is not to level it but to take down trees and move the field. The work will continue this winter.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Expectations for Spring Field Requests

The deadline for spring field requests is February 2, 2013.

B. Pre-Winter Gym Access Requests

C. 50/70 Field Progress

The field should be done by summer, though the funding for fencing is up in air- cant utilize current fencing. The Commission is looking to extend netting area and the existing backstop. The Commission is also looking to get batting cages in the old tennis court area and wants to work with everyone at Town Hall to accomplish this. Would also like to coordinate with softball to do the same thing on Field Road.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Petition for Sports Organizations

This is regarding a special meeting held in November. Mr. Jablonski says that we are not doing anything yet but there are intentions to consider a petition describing the fact that the town is considering development behind --- **acres- we would like to pay grants etc in a matter of a year. Mr. Jablonski will draft and send out the initial petition.

B. Spring Opportunities

It is on the record that this is still new business as spring approaches. In regards to the Camp Ico** funding we won't hear anything until January but because of state level budgeting issues its not looking too good.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no discussion of new correspondence.

IX. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 7:

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will take place January 7, 2013.

It was decided not to move forward with the special meeting on December 18, 2012.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Mr. Jablonski to adjourn the December 3, 2012 Recreation Commission regular meeting at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Mr. Woicik and unanimously voted as approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Morrow

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