

TOWN OF SOMERS

RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, 7:00 PM, December 4, 2006

Somers Community Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: At 7:07 PM by Tom Chilicki

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Chilicki, Ed Palomba, Alan Walker, John Bartolf

MEMBERS LATE: Chris Meunier (7:10 PM)' JJ Wassmuth (7:15 PM), Pam Coverdill (7:17 PM)

NON-MEMBERS: Jen Charette, Recreation Coordinator (left 8:30 PM): Mike Provencher (Parks Maintenance)

AUDIENCE: Mitch Nadeau

II. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS: The 10/2/06 minutes were unanimously approved 6-0.

III. AUDIENCE: Mitch Nadeau updated the commission on several issues regarding the skateboard park. Tom Chilicki will follow-up with the First Selectman on status of the implementation of new policies for the skateboard park.

IV. BILLS/PURCHASES: Reviewed (as forwarded by Jen Charette).

V. REPORTS:

A. Park Projects:

Fences/Backstops, Infields/Warning Tracks: The new fence is up on field 2, with new poles installed on fields 1 and 4. There is active work on all backstops and wing extensions. Mike Provencher will coordinate the painting of the existing backstop poles. Tony Frogameni has received a signed contract, and is evaluating first steps in installing warning tracks and skinning infields (including identifying sprinkler heads). Warning tracks will be first priority and coordinated by Mike Provencher with Brian Wilcox and fence installation.

Irrigation at Firehouse (Well/Building/Electricity): Mike Provencher met with vendor and the area for drilling the well was identified. Mike will coordinate with the building inspector for the building of the 6' x 8' shed to house electrical and pump controls.

B. Budgets: Reviewed as supplied by Jen Charette. The commission reviewed the final camp budget report. Katie Egan (camp director) will be requested by Jen Charette to attend the January regular meeting to discuss the following issues: total registrations per week; number of counselors per week (ratio per camper); total camp income; escalating trip costs.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Winter Programs: Ed Palomba updated the commission on the basketball program. Discussion was held on the steps needed to potentially purchase new adjustable hoops for SES. Ed will review with the SES principal and superintendent of schools.

B. Long Range Recreational Study: No update (still waiting for some financial information from Little League and Somers Lacrosse).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. STEAP Grant: Tom Chilicki will submit all CIP requests for the STEAP Grant (also including Mike Provencher's request for \$115K for an additional steel building).

B. CIP: The commission approved the following CIP submissions as presented by Tom Chilicki: new tennis courts (\$130K); lights for park all-purpose field (\$120K for one field) or \$60K for installation costs of donated lights (both fields); resurface basketball court (\$15K); resurface park road and parking areas (\$25K); fixing of Somersville field (\$15K); new fields at Sokol Road (\$10K); park all-purpose fields re-seeding and leveling (\$25K). Tom Chilicki is waiting for a quote (to submit as CIP) to install wooden guard rails around the inside perimeter of the park and the outside perimeter of the firehouse fields. NOTE: Mike Provencher is not submitting any new CIP's for this fiscal year.

VIII. COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Reviewed (as forwarded by Jen Charette). The 2007 meeting schedule was issued. Jen Charette is reviewing town building usage forms with the First Selectman.

IX. OTHER: Mike Provencher informed the commission that the volleyball lights have been installed at the park (new light bulbs are needed). Mike also stated that the ice skating rink will be installed on the park lower parking lot near the tennis courts.

Commission officer elections will be held in January.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The commission adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Alan Walker

Secretary for the December 4th, 2006 regular meeting.

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