

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2009

Kibbe Fuller Community Center

Present: J.J. Wassmuth, Karen McGuane, Troy LaMontagne, Alicia Albert, Karen Murdoch, Michelle Tingley, Anna Gagnon

Non-Members present: Mike Provencher, Jennifer Charette

Audience: none

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

II. Audience

None

III. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes from March 2, 2009 were read and accepted with no changes.

IV. Coordinator's Report / Parks Report

The spring flyer went out. Work is currently being done on the summer flyer. Sign-ups for summer camp will begin April 23. Also, beginning April 23, Jen will be spending more time on Recreation Department activities. Jen is still working on getting a water slide for the summer camp. The recreation commission previously approved expenditure for the water slide.

Somersville Field – Currently the field is having holes filled where the drain pipe was repaired. Approximately one third of the field will be re-graded. The highway department will deliver topsoil for the field.

A portable backstop has been moved to Kibbe Fuller for T-ball. A new net is on order as the old one was vandalized.

Mike is still working out of the Highway department office. During the spring, summer and fall his equipment will be located at the Field Road Park. The budget for heating the old, un-insulated building was \$2600. This is expected to be saved by moving Mike to the Highway Department building. The electric budget was also cut by \$1000.

Mike has been approached about installing a small soccer field behind SES. There could be conflict with the varsity baseball with the possibility of injury from a long home run ball. Discussion ensued on possible locations for an instructional field 90'x180'. A suggestion was made to put instructional on the multi-purpose fields by turning the fields sideways.

Over-seeding on all fields has been done. The last set of safety bases were installed on Fields 1 and 3. Softball and baseball are now covered for the safety base requirement.

V. Old Business

BOS has approved entering into an agreement with Garf Trucking. Five companies were contacted. Garf was the only one interested. The contract will include doing a survey, removing trees and stumps, stripping gravel, grade to the level of the existing field, install irrigation, 6-8" of topsoil and seed. The town will get 2000 yards of gravel. They are currently looking for an alternative route into the area. The contract could begin as soon as next week. Mike has requested to keep \$25,000 in reserve from the proceeds to redo the road and parking lots as part of the contract.

John Taylor has sent dimensions of T-ball field to Mike. He needs to send all field dimensions to Troy.

Alan walker is looking at moving the high school baseball field to the opposite corner. This could free up more usable field area behind SES. It also makes the concession stand more accessible, therefore a possible money maker for the booster club.

Summer Camp – Jen needs to get ads in the newspaper now to hire a camp director. Students must be CIT for two years before becoming a counselor. The camp director handles training for counselors. They have to have first aid training. There are always 3-4 counselors trained in CPR. There was discussion on incident reports. Reports are sent home with campers. There was a suggestion that parents should sign off on report and copies distributed. There was discussion about using a classroom in the high school when rain days force the summer camp to the high school. Currently this is not allowed by the school administration because inmates are in the building cleaning during the summer.

Skate Park – the skate park committee had suggested allowing kids to use either the basketball or tennis courts. The consensus was that there is too much use of these facilities for their intended purpose to convert them to skate boarding. A suggestion was made that the Skate Park Committee go the BOS and BOF to request that some of the proceeds from the gravel be used for a skate park.

VI. Correspondence

No correspondence.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Murdoch
Secretary, Somers Recreation Commission