

Minutes For
SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2010 7:00 PM
Kibbe Fuller

Members Present: Troy LaMontagne, JJ Wassmuth, Anna Gagnon, Karen Murdoch, Alicia Albert, Karen McGuane, Kaz Kruzel

Non-Members Present: Jen Charette

Audience: Bill McClosky

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

II. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of August 4, 2010 were read and accepted with no changes.

III. Audience

Bill McClosky addressed the Recreation Commission in order to thank the commission for supporting the Rock Cats premier baseball team. This was the Rock Cats third season. They had 28 games with a combination of travel and premier teams; about 28 kids. They held joint practices with Little League, and participated in 3 tournaments. Their season culminating event was a game held at the New Britain Rock Cats stadium. The Rec Commission questioned if there were any conflicts with Little League or adverse wear on the fields. Bill reported that there were only 8 home games played on the "seniors" field. And there were no event conflicts as games and practices were at different times. Last year's team was U13, next year it will move up to U14.

IV. Coordinator Report / Parks Report

Jen Charette reviewed the Recreation Coordinator report.

The Recreation Commission discussed the budget information provided to them at the monthly meeting. The Recreation Coordinator relies on the finance department to provide budget information. The information provided lately is inadequate for the Recreation Commission to do planning and budgeting activities.

The Rec Commission will speak to the BOS regarding getting better budget data. The budget information provided does not address the income from the Summer Camp. The Recreation Commission needs this information to address fees and salaries for next years camp.

The Recreation Commission discussed the information gap between the commission and the Parks Department and suggests that the Parks Department prepare a short, bulleted list of issues that are ongoing and being addressed at the park. The Recreation Commission cannot plan for budgets or capital improvements without information about the status of the parks. The commission will address this issue with the BOS and the Parks Supervisor to come up with an agreeable solution.

The Recreation Commission discussed vandalism at the parks. A vandalism report is being prepared by the Parks Department and forwarded to the Recreation Commission. The Commission discussed using some of the STEAP grant monies to invest in surveillance cameras for the park. Joe Tollisano is looking into the cost of cameras, it is anticipated that the cost will be \$10-15K.

V. Old Business:

Tennis Courts:

The Recreation Commission reviewed the “punch list” prepared by the Parks Department supervisor. The list details the items that need to be completed or corrected prior to final payment to the contractor for the tennis court reconstruction. The commission is disappointed in the extent of the errors made by the contractor.

VI. New Business:

Basketball Program:

The Recreation Coordinator noted in her report that the Board of Ed has included \$4500 for custodial use for recreation programs.

Meeting with BOS:

It was reported that Lisa Pelligrini is waiting to hear from Dave Palmer and Bill Boutwell regarding a meeting between the BOS and BOE to discuss field usage and building usage issues.

Submission for Annual Report:

JJ is working on a submission for the annual report. The report will be very similar to the previous year.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Murdoch
Recreation Commission Secretary