

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes – “Special” Meeting

9, July 2012 7:00 PM Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order – 7:19 pm

II. Audience:

Members - Jeff Jablonski, Lou Stetson, Karen McGuane, Liz Devine, Stephanie Gershowitz

Non-Members – Amy Saada, Bruce Urban, Todd Rolland

III. Minutes: No minutes to approve.

IV. Coordinator Report: (See Appendix section 1)

V. DPW Parks Report: (See Appendix section 2)

VI. Old Business:

- Paul Bowers Tournament.
 - There were several issues with traffic control and parking.
 - DPW to run cost analysis to determine if the fees should be increased by adding additional town resources to assist with traffic control and parking.
 - Liz commented that it didn't seem that the assigned town troopers did their job at its fullest understanding the circumstances created by the storms moving in on Sunday.
- Sports seasons come to an end.
 - Spring seasons have ended for LAX, Soccer, Softball and LL Baseball.
 - No major issues were reported.
 - Summer season activities continue for LAX, Softball and LL Baseball

VII. New Business:

- Liz Devine was officially recognized by the Rec Commission as its newest member.

- Rec Commission recommendations for 2012 and beyond:
 - The fire pit at Field Rd. Park is in need of repair. It the recommendation of the Rec Commission that the fire pit is repaired using funds from the pavilion usage fees received.
 - The building at field 4 needs to be rekeyed with new locks on the outside door. Little League to replace the lock and will provide keys to DPW.
 - The deadline to receive (by the Rec. Dept. Coordinator) gym/field time usage for sports organizations for the fall and winter seasons needs to be submitted no later than September 1st, 2012. Requests will be reviewed during the “Special” Rec Commission meeting scheduled for 9/10.
 - The deadline to receive gym/field time for the spring season is January 1st, 2013. Requests will be reviewed during the “Special” Rec Commission meeting scheduled for 1/7/2013.
 - **Non-Town/Somers Recreation Dept. Affiliated Field Usage Policy Proposal.**
 - The Rec Commission in conjunction with the Rec Dept. and DPW is working on the following Field Usage Policy proposal for any group/organization that is looking to access town fields or park areas (i.e., tennis courts, etc....)
 - This is a draft proposal and the Rec Commission anticipates having a final proposal completed for the next Regular meeting on 8/6/2012
 - Purpose:
 - Due to the increased requests for Somers town field usage it is recommended that we create a proposal to support impending costs associated with field maintenance and prep. Costs will be reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that the town has the ability to address issues with fields that may not receive the necessary rest during the year due to an increase in private organizations looking for field usage. It has been recognized that other towns are following similar practices to support field availability.
 - Fees: The Rec Commission requests that fees received be placed under a separate line item under the General Fund.
 - Impacts:
 - Those groups not directly affiliated with the Somers Rec Dept. or recognized organizations. A good example of this are 1 week camps not run through the Rec Dept. or “private” teams not directly affiliated with any Somers Rec Dept. recognized organizations. A good example of this is Somers Rangers or Wolf pack LAX teams.
 - Not Impacted:
 - Somers Rec Dept. sponsored programs, Somers Ponytail Softball, Somers Rec Basketball, Somers

LAX, Somers Soccer and Somers Little League Baseball, Somers Flag Football.

- Implementation:
 - Starting in 2013 for the spring, summer and Fall/Winter seasons.
- Applies to any practices or games scheduled.
 - Extension requests will be reviewed (by the Rec Dept. and DPW team) based on specific factors, i.e. weather related cancelations.
- Proof of Insurance is required by any organization applying for field usage.
- Fees:
 - Fees are based on field usage requirements, Small, Medium and Large.
 - Fees support field maintenance/upkeep and lining costs.
 - Small. 1-3 days. \$250
 - Medium. 4-5 days. \$500
 - Large. 6-7 days. \$750
- **Field Usage Fine proposal - incurred when fields are closed by the town.**
 - Purpose: To ensure that **ANY** organization adheres to the Rec Dept. and Town DPW rules when fields are closed due to underlying weather or special circumstances, i.e. fields are flooded by storm after the town prepped the field. This fine is being proposed to deter organizations from using the fields when they are closed or not safe for use.
 - Fines:
 - 1st occurrence. \$100
 - 2nd occurrence. \$300
 - 3rd occurrence. \$500
 - 4th occurrence. Banned for remainder of the current season.
 - Tracking Occurrences:
 - Occurrences will be tracked in a joint effort with the Town DPW and Rec Dept. Rec Commission members are responsible for reporting any infraction.

VIII. Correspondence: None for 7/9.

IX. Next Meeting: Monday, August 6th

X. Adjournment: 8:39 pm

XI. Appendix:

Section 1

Recreation Coordinator Report
July 9, 2012

Summer Camp Updates

Summer Camp Brochure is online: <http://somers.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>

Total Collected in Online Registrations since April 15th is \$34,921.00

Camps starting week of July 9th

100212 - Small Fry Camp-Week A, Pond Life

200218 - Week 2 Summer Camp

300224 - Elementary ART Camp, CLAY A, Wk. 1,

300228 - Elementary ART Camp, DRAWING & PAINTING,

300232 - ART Camp, BOOKS, Week 1,

300237 - ART Camp, CLAY A, Week 1,

98701 - Somers Lacrosse Camp

Camps starting week of July 16th

100213 - Small Fry Camp-Week B, Mother Goose

200219 - Week 3 Summer Camp

300225 - Elementary ART Camp, CLAY B, Wk. 2,

300229 - Elementary ART Camp, 3D SCULPTURE,

300233 - ART Camp, DRAWING, Week 2, Morning

3002378 - ART Camp, CLAY B, Week 2, Afternoon

400229 - Tennis Camp For Life-Session B

400231 - Mini Tots Tennis Camp: Session B

Camps starting week of July 23rd

500225 - Advanced Teen Tennis-Session B

500225 - Advanced Tween Tennis-Session B

100214 - Small Fry Camp-Week C, Just Imagine

200220 - Week 4 Summer Camp

300231 - Elementary ART Camp, PRINT IT

300235 - ART Camp, CLAY A,

300238 - ART Camp, BOOKS!

300238 - ART Camp-PAINTING

Camps starting week of 7/30

100215 - Small Fry Camp-Week D, At the Farm

200221 - Week 5 Summer Camp

300227 - Elementary ART Camp, ANIMAL ART

300236 - ART Camp, CLAY B

300239 - ART Camp, DRAWING

SSA41423 - FLAG FOOTBALL Camp

500224 - Teen Tennis-Session B

500224 - Tiny Tennis-Session B

500224 - Tot Tennis-Session B

500224 - Tween Tennis-Session B

Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)

Multi-Sport (soccer, basketball & flag football)

Tiny-Hawk (Soccer and Basketball)

New to Summer Day Camps this year:

- CPR and First Aid Certified Counselors
- Before Care is offered for the first time (7:30-9am) in addition to aftercare 3:00-5:30pm

• New Field Trips:

Week 2-Somers Golf Center (Somers)

Week 3-Nomads (South Windsor)

Week 4- CT Science Center (Hartford)

Week 5- Veterans Memorial Pool (South Windsor)

Week 6- CT Sun Day Camp (University of Hartford) all kinds of activities coordinated and run by the CT SUN Basketball Team, including water play!

Week 7- No Trip

Week 8 Trip TBA (Just added week 8 of camp)

- New Weekly Entertainers
- Have ordered 4 pop up canopies to provide some shade to campers as well as new supplies such as crafts, games and activities for campers. Brought Ping Pong Table and Michelle Liquori brought Foosball table for campers to use.

Registration numbers:

Small Fry: wk 1: 17; wk 2: 8, wk 3: 8, wk 4: 8, wk 5: 10;

Day Camp: wk1: 25, wk 2: 49, wk 3: 25, wk 4: 21, wk 5: 26, wk 6: 18, wk 7: 15.

Wk 8: 0

Swish School of Basketball: 27

Somers Lacrosse Camp: 46

Art Camp: 1st week 24

SKYHAWKS Camps: SNAG (starting new at golf) was the first of the Skyhawks camps was a great program, very professionally run. Received surveys from participants and was all excellent. They will do 4 more camps this summer.

Sports Associations & Field Usage:

Wolf pack Lacrosse- Request received Feb. 27th, was going to review summer request at May meeting (no meeting), Looking for Rest of July and August now.

Somers Lacrosse/Mark Murdock: Request Received Today, 7/9/2012 for MBA Fields. Emailed Mark and told I would forward to MBA. Looking for 7/12,17,24,26

Pavilion at Field Road Park: Permits

To Date, 52 permits have been filed.
\$1300.00 in fees have been collected.(\$25.00 usage fee)

Section 2

Concerns for the Rec. Commission:

- Somers has gone green with single stream recycling. New trash and recycling container are in and will be installed soon. We ask all to participate in our town wide recycling effort.
- Dog use in the Park has been increasing. Please remind all Park users, with the exception of service dogs, no dogs are allowed in the Playground and all dogs must be leashed and in their handlers control at all times.

Update:

1. At Town Hall fields, we installed a fence to delineate the property line between the old tennis court area and the property it borders. Please remind all users to stay off private property.
2. We have installed additional signage to remind all dog owners of their responsibilities.
3. The new parking lot fence in front of the Tennis courts is complete. This should reduce the number s of individuals “doing doughnuts” in the parking area.
4. As the spring seasons end, Park improvements will continue. These include new trash and recycling receptacles, painting and replacing the roofs of the dugouts, benches, expanding field #5, installing drainage...

Vandalism Report:

- It has been fairly quiet.