

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

June 2, 2014 7:00 PM

Location – Kibbe Fuller

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM

II. Attendees:

Members – Stefanie Gershowitz, Jeff Jablonski, Ned Lynch, Karen McGuane, Lou Stetson, Steve Woicik

Non-Members – Amy Saada

III. Audience – none

IV. Minutes from the meeting held on 5/5/14 were unanimously approved with no changes.

V. Recreation Coordinators Report –submitted with these minutes

The Commission reviewed the report submitted by Amy Saada. Upcoming highlights include:

- Family Fun Day June 21st at Field Road Park
- 5K running series-Wednesday evenings starting July 9th
- Summer Camps

VI. DPW Report – no report

VII. Old Business

- a. Field Use Policy – Jeff Jablonski will contact surrounding towns to see what their policies cover. The commission agreed that we need more time to come up with a realistic workable plan.

VIII. New Business Field Use Policy

1. Election of Officers – the following officers were unanimously elected
Chairman – Jeff Jablonski
Vice Chairman – Steve Woicik
Secretary – Karen McGuane

2. Field Road Opportunities/Possibilities

Short term Priorities:

- a. All-purpose field at Field Rd. Park.
 - Rec Comm would like to town to do a soil sample to ensure it's viable for maintaining grass.
 - Field should be off limits until an assessment is completed by the town.
 - Can the town research grants for replacing the grass with sod in the fall? After the soil analysis is completed.
- b. 50/70 outfield at Field Rd. Park.
 - Outfield needs to be reseeded during late summer/early fall.
 - Field should remain off limits until the outfield is playable.
 - Or, Can the town research grants for replacing the grass with sod in the fall?
- c. Area at Field Rd. park next to the new parking lot and Girls HS softball field.
 - Recommendations include:
 - Small all-purpose field for soccer, flag football, lacrosse, etc.....
 - Small instructional baseball/softball field
- d. Sokol Rd.
 - Revamp the existing field into 2 smaller all-purpose field.

Long term Priorities:

1. Full Women's and Men's handicapped accessible bathrooms near newly installed parking lot at Field Rd. Park.
2. Lights for Field Rd. park fields.
 - a. 90' diamond (baseball)
 - b. 50/70 field (baseball and softball)
 - c. All-purpose field
 - i. Soccer
 - ii. Flag football
 - iii. Lacrosse
 - iv. Others
3. Development of acreage behind girls HS softball field.
 - a. Walking trail.
 - b. Creation of 2 all-purpose fields. (1 with lights)
 - i. Intent is to give other all-purpose town fields (at least 2) a rest every year to maintain quality fields for all organizations needing all-purpose field access.
 - ii. Will reduce the impact and need on the school fields.

X. Correspondence – None

XI: Next Meeting – Monday, July 7, 2014 has been cancelled.

XII: Adjournment - 8:15PM

****Please note****

Meeting minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting