

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2017 7:00 PM
Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to Order by Jeff Jablonski at 7:04 PM

II. Members Present:

Jeff Jablonski - Chairman, Karen McGuane – Secretary,

Members: John Curran, Stephanie Gershowitz, Ned Lynch

Members not in attendance: Steve Woicik – Vice Chairman, Members – Scott Sutter

Nonmembers in attendance:

Christopher Boucher – Deputy Director, Recreation

Bruce Urbon- Parks/Facilities Foreman

III. Audience: Toby Renzoni (Little League Softball) & Cindy Reynolds (Little League Softball)

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the March 6, 2017 and April 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed, motioned by Stephanie Gershowitz, 2nd by John Curran & unanimously approved by the board.

V. Recreation Report:

The Recreation report was reviewed by Chris Boucher. A copy of this report will be filed with the minutes.

Highlights include:

- Permit was approved for the Somers Rotary Road Race to be run 9/16/17.
Chris Corkhum changed his request & will resubmit. The Powerhouse Bulldogs field request has been pulled. They found other fields to use.
- Current Programs
 - Adult CoEd Kickball -212 participants registered
 - Men's Open Gym under 40 –averaging 15-20 participants a night
 - Men's Open Gym over 40 – averaging 10 participants a night
 - Futsal & Street Soccer – 27 registrants for 2 sessions
- Future Programs- registration opening soon for:
 - Somers Rec Summer Camps –Day Camp & Small Fry Camp
 - SOMLAX Camp
 - Somers Spartans Basketball Camp –Coed for grades 4-9
 - Discover Golf Camp
 - Summer Art Cam—new model this year
 - STEM Challenge Camp with Legos
 - IncrediFlix Movie & Animation Camps
 - Futsal & Street Soccer Summer Camp
 - Tennis for Life Camp
 - Celebrate Somers Golf Tournament to be held June 30th – **sponsors & participants needed**
 - Let's Glow 5K Run for SHS Teacher Mr. Suzor to be held at SHS July 22nd
 - Somers Volleyball Summer Program- Field Road Park. The Indoor Women's Volleyball Program may put a permit in for an outdoor program.

- Ongoing Projects
 - Community Interest Survey- close to completion but on hold pending Board of Selectmen
 - Development of new Rec webpage not under Rec Desk. This would be put under the Town of Somers website
 - New Rec management software consideration
 - New After School Program for the fall –
 - Response to survey sent out yielded 100+ interested in 3:30 to 6 PM SES program & 80+ interested in 2:30 to 6 MBA program. A lot has to happen to kick this off for fall 2017 start, but the support from the school system is there. Chris Boucher is actively working to make this happen.
 - Rec Subsidy program- Potential partnership with Social Services to provide assistance for families in need.
 - Music and Art programming for Adults

VI. DPW Report:

The DPW report was reviewed Bruce Urbon. A copy of this report will be filed with the minutes.

- Field Road Park
 - All baseball, softball, lacrosse & soccer fields have been installed.
 - Work is scheduled to be done on Field 4, 5/2 & 5/3, weather permitting to add clay & try to get rid of the low areas.
 - Irrigation systems will be turned on this week & any necessary repairs will be made over the next couple of weeks.
 - Clearing of the property line on the 20 acres behind the school has been delayed due to the change of season. Work will continue as time permits. However, this will probably be delayed until the fall because 2 DPW workers were lost due to budget cuts.
- Town Hall fields – both fields are installed & in use
- Playground on the Green – nothing to report at this time
- Firehouse Fields
 - LAX fields are installed and in use
 - The old netting along the tree line has been removed by the parks department. New netting has been installed by the LAX association but it looks like the job hasn't been completed yet.
- Sokal Road Fields – this field is being rested for this season.
- Mill Pond/Somersville Fields – 6 trees were planted by Mountain Tree Service with the help of the parks crew along the drainage swale next to the Village Players driveway for Arbor Day.
- Vandalism Report – The grate covering the catch basin (100 lbs) was removed & the portable backstop net & a post for the cross country track by field 5 were removed and jammed into the catch basin by field 5.

VII. New Business:

a. Field Improvement Discussion

- Toby Renzoni & Cindy Reynolds were at the meeting to discuss the problems with Softball Fields 1, 2 & 3. Substantial repairs need to be made to the infields & base paths. They are asking for help because of the substantial amount of work that needs to be done and because they are not the only organization to use the fields. They don't feel they should be the only organization to pay for the repairs. Soccer, Flag Football & Coed Softball also use the fields. Once initial estimate from an outside source came in at \$19,500.

- After much discussion, it was decided that a plan needs to be put in place to tackle this. Bruce & Todd need to determine exactly what needs to be done on each field. Measurements need to be taken so when the work is put out to bid, the bids can be evaluated correctly. 3 bids will be obtained. A lot more work has to be done on this before any plans can be submitted or decisions can be made. This will be reviewed again at the next board meeting.

b. Recreation Self-Support Fund – Discussion postponed to the next board meeting.

VIII. Opportunity to add agenda items: No additional agenda items were added.

IX. Next Meeting: Monday, June 5th – 7:00 PM Kibbe Fuller Community Center.
Jeff Jablonski will not be at the next meeting.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was called by Jeff Jablonski, Karen McGuane 2nd.
The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen McGuane – Secretary