

**SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

August 7, 2017 7:00 PM  
Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to Order by Jeff Jablonski at 7:08 PM

II. Members Present:

Jeff Jablonski –Chairman Karen McGuane – Secretary

Members: John Curran, Stephanie Gershowitz, Ned Lynch, Scott Sutter

Members not in attendance: Steve Woicik – Vice Chairman

Nonmembers in attendance:

Christopher Boucher – Deputy Director, Recreation

III. Audience: No audience members were in attendance

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed, motioned by Scott Sutter & 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Curran & unanimously approved by the board with one change. The word Chairman was inadvertently placed before Steve Woicik's name under Members Present and will be removed. Revised minutes will be approved at the September meeting.

There was no meeting held during July so there were no minutes to review.

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 requests were reviewed. The only potential conflict could be the back Firehouse Field. Soccer needs it for practice during the week & Lacrosse needs it for weekend games. Chris feels this can be worked out with communication between the 2 groups.
- Flag Football. This is a transitional year for them. The Recreation Department is taking over the operation of the program.
  - Adult CoEd Kickball -212 participants registered
  - Futsal & Street Soccer – 27 registrants for 2 sessions
- Summer Programs
  - Day Camp attendance appears to be about the same as last year.
  - All programs have had positive feedback to date.
  - Chris will update the board at the September meeting with the final numbers.

VI. DPW Report:

There was no report to review.

VII. New Business:

- a. **Community Interest Survey**- No final product available as of this meeting. The goal is to have a digital version available at the next meeting.
- b. **Splash Pad** – A private individual came to Chris Boucher & Todd Roland to say that they are willing to privately fund a splash park to be installed at Field Road Park. They have been saving for quite a while and are ready to go as soon as possible. Todd & Chris are in the initial stages of researching the initial cost as well as ongoing maintenance costs to be determined. They are looking at a 30 by 50 foot pad that could potentially be installed near Connors Park adjacent to the upper parking lot towards the Gazebo. They are also researching insurance regulations & cost, water usage, potential safety issues as well as the potential for additional donors. Realistically, this project is 2-3 years away.
- c. **Fitness Trail Update** – The Board of Selectman gave their approval to complete the trail to the point where it can be used for the Summer Fun Series. The hope is this can be improved to the point where it can be certified by the CIAC for conference meets by the Somers High School Cross Country Team .
- d. **Camp Iapo Update** – A sign has been placed by the Open Space & Trails Committee near the mailbox at the camp identifying the 4 different trails that have been marked out on the property. e

VIII. Correspondence - There was no correspondence to review at this meeting

IX. Opportunity to add agenda items - No additional agenda items were added.

IX. Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM Kibbe Fuller Community Center.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was called by Karen McGuane with Stephanie Gershowitz seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Karen McGuane - Secretary*