

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2018 7:00 PM
Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to Order by Jeff Jablonski at 7:00 PM

II. Members Present:

Jeff Jablonski –Chairman, Karen McGuane – Secretary

Members: Ned Lynch & Scott Sutter

Members not in attendance: Steve Woicik – Vice Chairman, John Curran- Member

Nonmembers in attendance:

Christopher Boucher – Deputy Director, Recreation

Todd Roland – Director of Public Works

Bruce Urbon- Parks & Facilities Foeman

III. Audience: Melissa Nord & Kristen Mullady - Representatives from LAX Plus

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for January 15th, 2018 Special Meeting were approved with one minor change. The year in the header needs to be changed from 2017 to 2018. Motioned by Jeff Jablonski, seconded by Scott Sutter & unanimously approved.

V. Recreation Report:

The Recreation Report submitted by Chris Boucher was reviewed by the board.

Highlights include:

- Spring Permit review – There is one conflict between requests from the Soccer association & Lacrosse association for Field 6 & 7. The boys bantam level team for lacrosse received mandated changes to the size of the field they're required to play on this year. Chris Boucher will meet with Kevin Foy from Lacrosse & Representative from Soccer to see what can be worked out.
- Adult Co-Ed Softball has reapplied for field use this Spring. They will be paying the rate for field use that has been outlined in our field use policy. Chris Boucher will not be managing this program but will work with Adult Co-Ed Softball & Girls Youth Softball to work out any conflicts in scheduling if necessary.
- LAX Plus LLC representatives Melissa North & Kristen Mullady made a presentation to the Recreation Board to introduce their program, answer any questions the board had about their program and their field requests. There was very positive feedback from the Board and preliminary approval was given to the group who will be considered an "Unaffiliated" Organization. Chris Boucher will move forward with contacting the schools for field use & will update the Rec board when he has more information

LAX Plus LLC is a private Club lacrosse program for girls ages 12 years & up based out of East Windsor Sports World. They are looking for fields to run their 1 day July tournament. This tournament will feature mainly high school age girls, have approximately 40 teams, 15-20 kids per team & they estimate there will be 500-700 cars at any given time. They will hire their own Police Details, EMT's, Parking attendants, Port-a-lets, Trash Containers, Referees & Food Vendors. They will comply with all Town Policies & all food vendors will be responsible for getting their own food permits through the

town. They will line their own fields with guidance from Bruce Urbon. This was a very polished & well organized presentation made to the board and every question was answered thoroughly.

VI. DPW Report:

There was no report to review.

VII. New Business:

- a. All Sports Meeting – This is scheduled for next month, Monday March 5th.
- b. Somers Youth Basketball Conduct Incident Review.

A parent was ejected from a girls youth basketball game. Chris Boucher reported that a compromise was reached & the resolution was accepted by all parties involved.

VIII. Correspondence:

There were two letters were received from Somers Little League. Copies of these letters will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Letter 1 – Request for Scoreboard Installation on Field #5 for Spring Baseball Season 2018

Motion - The Recreation Commission requests that Chris Boucher send a letter to the Board of Selectman recommending that Somers Little League be allowed to install a scoreboard on Field 5 located in Field Road Park. Somers Little League will be advised of Town regulations for installation of this equipment.

This was motioned by Jeff Jablonski with a second by Karen McGuane. It was unanimously approved by the Recreation Commission.

Letter 2- Request for Dugout Installation on Field #5 for Spring Baseball Season 2018

Motion - The Recreation Commission motioned to table this request until the Somers Little League comes back to the Commission with specific plans for the construction of the dugouts and a plan to fund them. The Town is not in a position to fund this request. Chris Boucher was requested to notify Somers Little League of this decision.

This was motioned by Jeff Jablonski with a second by Karen McGuane. It was unanimously approved by the Recreation Commission.

IX. Opportunity to add agenda items:

There were no new agenda items added to this meeting. However, there was follow up to the agenda items listed below that were added to the 1/15/18 meeting. The responses are in italics.

- Ned Lynch asked if the practice wall at Firehouse Field is going to be replaced or refurbished. Chris will check with Bruce Urbon for an update and will get back to the board.

Per Bruce Urbon, the wall is being demolished & there are no plans to replace or refurbish it.

- Ned also asked if anything was scheduled to be done about the fencing at Firehouse Field. This effects both Soccer & Lacrosse. Chris will follow up with Kevin Foy & Bruce Urbon.

The Lacrosse Association put this fence up originally and there are no plans by the board or DPW to repair or replace it.

- There are rumors floating around about the MBA field being reconfigured. Chris is going to contact Jim MacFeat to see if there any plans to change the layout of the fields.

As of the January 15th meeting, this is still nothing more than rumors.

X. Next Meeting: Monday, March 5th, 2018 – 7:00 PM Kibbe Fuller Community Center.

XI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was called by Scott Sutter with second by Karen McGuane.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen McGuane - Secretary