

TOWN OF SOMERS

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 10, 2007 @ 7:00pm
Kibbe-Fuller Community Center

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:05 pm by JJ Wassmuth
MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Maniscalco; Chris Meunier
Rick Lees; Karen Murdoch
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pam Coverdill
NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Provencher, Jen Charette

AUDIENCE: David Pinney, First Selectman

II.

MINUTES AT LAST MEETING: Minutes of June 4 and Aug 6 were read and accepted.

- III. Billings and Purchases:** It was noted that Kevin Egan has been paid in Full for lining the lacrosse fields. Budget Account report was submitted.

IV. REPORTS:

Parks Projects: Received request from Fall lacrosse for town Parks dept to line Pinney Road field; Mike P. agreed to get this done by 9/15/07.

The warning track at the Field Road fields still is not finished. It was determined that the town selectmen will need to come up with \$8050 to complete the project. David Pinney stated that there was a possibility that funds from the CIP for Sokol Road field development may be available for this. He will present to the CIP committee.

Firehouse Field has been irrigated, fertilized, and prepped for re-seeding; new planting of grass will take place next week and will be done by Vasseur Landscaping. Sprinklers are on at night from approximately 7:00pm to 6:00am. Irrigation at the Firehouse ran over budget by only \$129.

Future Fields Update: There was further discussion about the possibility of converting the woods behind the Field Road fields into a

multipurpose field. Chris Meunier brought up the idea of creating a sub-committee to oversee the project proposal and to provide oversight for the project if accepted by CIP. Mike P. indicated that he could provide oversight needed for the project; an excavation company for removal of trees, gravel would be needed; first a civil engineer should be employed to estimate the feasibility and efficacy of the project, estimate the acreage, material needed, and overall desired end product of the job. Mike P. indicated that the gravel contains sand heavily sought out for septic systems, and should be easily sold. Dave Pinney reported that some funds also may be used from the unused Sokol Road CIP project finds to pay the surveyor, and that he would investigate with the CIP committee. A scope of work for the potential engineer/surveyor would need to be created. Dave Pinney mentioned that a new position for Town Director of Public Works/Town Engineer has been posted, and this project may fall in the realm of these duties. Dave Pinney said he would speak with current contracted surveyors and will seek their advice re: what is needed for "scope of work" proposal and will have the information by the next meeting.

Skate Board Park: The park has been found in abysmal condition by the Park staff; there was much discussion about the chronic problem of lack of adult supervision of the skate boarders and the possibility of locking up the park. Tabled for further discussion.

V. Old Business

- a. Programs: Fall program schedule published
- b. Skate Board Park: see above
- c. Camp Report: general increase in camp registrations for all age groups this past summer. See Report submitted by Rec Coordinator

VI. New Business:

- a. New Fields: see above
- b. Update Sports Associaton: It was decided to invite the sports associations to the November meeting, as there is no new information or concrete plan regarding the proposed conversion of town land into a multipurpose field.

VII. Coordinator's Report: See report; Pavillion is being heavily utilized, causing trash overload to be a problem. It was suggested to tell people renting

the Pavillion that they have to take their trash with them. A request was made by one potential renter to have a "concert" at the pavillion site. A reminder was given to everyone that concerts are not to be allowed at the Pavillion. It was noted that boy's H.S. soccer was practicing on Field 3; Chris Meunier will check out which team is practicing on what fields to avoid overuse of fields.

VIII. Other: CIP requests due November 1. Hopefully we will have a study conducted by an engineer prior to that deadline in order to estimate overall costs and benefits of converting woods into multi-purpose field.

IX. Correspondence: Reviewed a letter from MBA school principal, Nancy Barry, outlining rules for use of the new gymnasium.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Meunier and seconded by Rick Lees. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Colleen Maniscalco
Secretary
Somers Recreation Commission

