

**Minutes For**  
**SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 3, 2010 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Karen McGuane, Alicia Albert, Troy LaMontagne, JJ Wassmuth, Karen Murdoch

**Non-Members Present:** Jen Charette

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

**II. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of April 5, 2010 were read and accepted as written.

**III. Coordinator Report / Parks Report**

Master schedule of recreation activities is on a schedule put out by the public works department. Office manager goes over daily schedule at the beginning of every day. All recreation activities and all recreation field usages (if high school needs a recreation field) are included on this master schedule and maintenance planning is done from this document.

No news on the basketball court renovation.

Kibbe Fuller building is still closed.

Summer camp on-line registration link has not been activated yet. People have been trying to sign up for summer camp and have had to go through the recreation office instead.

**IV. Audience**

Mr. Henry wants to know what is happening with the tennis courts. There are a couple things that need to be finalized from the state before the task can go out for bid.

Maria Splain reported that children were playing in abandoned tennis court next to little league field (behind Town Hall). There was a lot of wood with nails, but the issue was addressed by the First Selectman. She wants to know if there was a possibility to put some playground equipment there. She was previously involved with the playground committee. The Fire Department will allow them to have a tag sale at the fire house as a fundraiser. She wants to know if some money can be used to support building a water park at field road park. Wants to use STEAP grant money that had been reserved for the skate park. Commission will review the information.

## V. Old Business:

Troy and JJ met with Lisa Pelligrini to review the expectations of the Recreation Commission. Troy brought to Lisa's attention that there has been a continuous decrease in the recreation budget, facilities, etc. Jen has been tasked to supply to the Commission a list of every recreation activity that the town used to have over the past three years. The Recreation Commissions will work on restating its mission statement in the next meeting.

Skate park committee to get representative quotes including fencing and signs. Lisa is concerned that the budget from the STEAP grant will not cover required items. The Skate Park Committee needs information from the First Selectman regarding fencing requirements, but will get a quote with an 8 foot fence and signs.

The Commission will discuss field usage fees in June. Commission members to review current fees that are charged for groups.

Troy working on asking NETTS for either land or right of way to make the additional fields at Field Road Park larger.

JJ sent letter to heads of association about parking on the fields. Associations have forwarded to coaches, except soccer and lacrosse.

## VI. New Business:

Mike Provencher is retiring in July. Position will not be back filled. Fields at Somersville and town hall baseball fields have had poor mowing. Todd Rowland is supervising the work BB is doing.

## VII. Correspondence

A letter was received from Save the Children in appreciation for a donation of \$61 from the Recreation Coordinator.

Bill McClusky sent an email to the Recreation Commission acknowledging the effort by Little League boys who painted the dugouts on Field 4 at Field Road Park.

#### VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Murdoch  
Recreation Commission Secretary