

Minutes For
SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2010 7:00 PM
Town Hall

Members Present: Alicia Albert, Troy LaMontagne, JJ Wassmuth, Anna Gagnon, Karen Murdoch, Karen McGuane (arrived late)

Non-Members Present: Jen Charette, Liz Devine (Camp Co-Director)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

II. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of May 3, 2010 were read and accepted with the following changes:

Karen McGuane was absent, Anna Gagnon was present.

III. Coordinator Report / Parks Report

Jen Charette reviewed the Recreation Coordinator report.

BOS is deciding on how the space in the basement of Kibbe Fuller will be divided up. Todd Roland is working on a plan this week.

Public works is developing an electronic schedule for field maintenance activities.

There are major problems with summer camp on-line registrations. The software is not appropriate for the task. The desired recreation registration software will be capable of being used for all recreation activity registrations, in addition to camp.

Camp registration numbers are good, similar to last year. No problems to report at camp, except the karate instruction is becoming disruptive and may not continue.

IV. Audience

No Comments.

V. Old Business:

Steap Grant Update

The previous tennis court RFP was released without stipulation that the courts meet USTA standards. By meeting USTA standards, the tennis courts could be made available for expanded high school play and league play (which could generate income). There is also the probability of receiving USTA grants for program development, which would not be available if the courts are not ASB certified to USTA standards.

The commission discussed whether to include the requirement for USTA standards in the RFP with the possible result being a higher cost for the tennis courts and the possible exclusion of the skate park and the basketball court from the STEAP grant spending.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that we redirect the RFP for the tennis court reconstruction with the provision that the work be ASB certified to USTA standards; and that the RFP be released requesting separate pricing options for surface materials, the practice court, basketball court, and a separate flat asphalt pad for multi-purpose use. The motion was passed by the Commission.

VI. New Business:

By-Laws – the Commission needs to work amending the by-laws in the following areas:

Address responsibility and authority of the Recreation Commission.

Definitions of affiliated / non-affiliated sports associations and the implications for prioritization.

The Recreation needs to review / revise by-laws, vote on the revisions, and present to the BOS. The commission needs to plan a special meeting for this work. Troy is in the process of scanning the previous by-laws and revisions and will distribute to the members for a subsequent meeting.

Recreation Activities – Commission should survey Jr. High and High school students to see what activities they would be interested in. There is a concern that middle school students are under-represented in recreation offerings; specifically non-sport activities. Some brain-stormed ideas from the Commission include:

Shop class, Frisbee golf, ultimate Frisbee, teen center, Skate Park, music, outdoor movies, talent show/open mike competition.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Murdoch
Recreation Commission Secretary