

Minutes For  
Somers Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 7:00 PM  
Location: Kibbe Fuller

Members Present: Scott Novak, Steve Woicik, Karen Murdoch, Karen McGuane

Non-Members Present: Jenifer Charette

Audience: Non in attendance

- Call to Order  
Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
- Minutes of last “Regular” meeting (4/4) were voted on and approved.
- Old Business:
  - a. Conrad McIntire update provided by Lisa Pellegrini via email document. Jeff to contact Conrad with attorney Carl Landolina’s phone number to coordinate the hold harmless agreement along with obtaining proof of insurance.
  - b. Rec. Commission still reviewing field/gym use policy and the Master list of field priorities.
  - c. “Special” meeting was held in April to review and provide proposals for the Spring and Fall seasons as it applies to LAX and Soccer.
    - i. Option #1: Recommend that the Town/School budget increase to account for mowing and lining required on the MBA fields for LAX during the spring and fall seasons. Current cost to mow and line this area (2 fields during the spring and 1 during the fall) is approximately \$8,000 (\$6,500 in the spring and \$1,500 in the fall). LAX would be responsible for covering any additional costs exceeding the \$8,000 total.
    - ii. Option #2: The Rec. Commission to approach the town Planning board to request a review of where land may be available to accommodate additional fields for both LAX and soccer. Both sports are growing in the town and the addition of the fields at Field Rd. Park will help but may not be enough. Other concerns with the Rec. Commission are the amount of resources currently employed by the town to maintain the current town fields. With

more fields how will the current resources maintain everything going forward (not including MBA fields after 2011).

- iii. Option #3: LAX and Soccer review schedules during the summer/fall to determine where adjustments can be made to schedules allowing appropriate playing for both sports during the spring and fall seasons.
  - iv. Option #4: If budget is not increased and LAX still requires access to the MBA fields during the spring and fall LAX will need to come up with funds to support the \$8,000 costs in field maintenance. This is a last resort option. All previous (and potentially additional) options should be exhausted before option #4 is considered.
  - v. Option #5: Allow the town to review existing options and then let them provide additional solutions if necessary.
- d. Troy Lamontagne submitted his official resignation from the Rec Commission on 4/21/2011.
- New Business:
    - a. Parks Report was reviewed.
      - i. Door at Field Rd. park to Softball snack shack needs to be replaced.
      - ii. Karen Murdoch has generously donated a 2<sup>nd</sup> refrigerator for Field Rd. park for camp purposes.
      - iii. DPW has agreed to replace Minors / Majors baseball fields clay in the fall (2011).
      - iv. Rec. Commission still need to schedule sit down session with MBA and SES principals to discuss the process for scheduling gym time during the Winter and Spring months. Jen to contact each principal to schedule time to meet prior to the end of the 2011 school year.
      - v. Jen to speak with DPW about the pole at Field Rd. Park that holds the gate in place when it is in the open position. Located at the road to the high school. When the gate is in the open position attaching to the pole is difficult.

- vi. Jen to contact DPW to find out the purpose for closing all fields due to existing or incumbent weather. Consideration “not to close” requested for LAX and soccer fields even if the fields are wet or rained on. Field closure is expected for any sport if the weather includes dangerous (ie, thunderstorm) activity.
- vii. Little League requests audience with DPW to discuss opportunity for Little League to purchase tarps for the Juniors, Majors and Minors fields to assist with reducing the potential for field closure due to wet weather.

- Correspondence
- Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Jablonski,  
Recreation Commission Chairman