

Minutes For
Somers Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
10/7/2013 7:00 PM
Location: Kibbe Fuller

Members Present: Jeff Jablonski, Steve Woicik, Karen McGuane, Lou Stetson, Stephanie Gershowitz, Liz Devine

Non-Members Present: Amy Saada, Bruce Urban, Todd Roland, Bruce Clinger, Alan Walker, Tom Chilicki, Kevin McGuane, Ed Palomba, Lisa Pellegrini, Nancy O'Neill, Michelle Dalessio, Bill Boutwell, Angela O'Brien, Elaine Beebe, Mike Rogers, Bob Chester

Audience: None in attendance

- Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- Old Business:
 - a. FUP (field use policy)
 - i. Continued discussion tabled for the 11/4 meeting.
- New Business:
 - a. Basketball / Insurance
 - i. Somers Basketball Association was in attendance to discuss the insurance requirement situation. Kevin McGuane, Tom Chilicki, Alan Walker, Tom Boutwell and ED Palomba provided their insight regarding the historical background of the SBA.
 - ii. A motion was approved by the Rec Commission members present to allow the basketball association to receive town insurance privileges for practices and games held at the Somers school locations assuming that a Rec Commission member attends a Somers Basketball Association annual meeting during the course of a calendar year. (motion requires modification as this is not the official motion but the motion discussed was approved. If anyone has the official motion please provide for the 11/4 minutes, thanks, Jeff J.
 - iii. Bruce Clinger from CIRMA was on hand to confirm the motion.
 - b. Field Updates
 - i. Mike Rogers / Elaine Beebe were curious where the Rec Commission was at regarding the proposed 2014 Field Use Policy. Fees were discussed in detail and options were discussed pertaining to additional opportunities for the Somers associations to pool their resources in presenting a larger future initiative for the town.
 - ii. Concerns surround the availability of fields for all organizations, specifically Somers LL and Lacrosse. Rec Commission members continue to remind the area associations that the commission's jurisdiction stops at the town field locations, schools are the school board jurisdiction. The Commission can recommend options but is unable to propose any recommended changes.
 - iii. Development behind the high school could become a reality as it has for the baseball associations in the development of the modified 46/60 and 50/70 field at Field Rd. Park and a T-Ball field at town hall fields.
 - 1. Special meeting required with the sports associations to discuss the long term plan including, required resources, costs, benefits, area opportunities, schedule and timeline.

- iv. If any additional members has additional minutes please send them to Jeff Jablonski as soon as possible so they can be recorded within a follow up meeting.

- DPW Parks Report

Town of Somers Parks Report

10/07/2013

Please note:

Bruce Urbon is our Parks Crew Leader. His contact information is:

(860)763-8234 6 Office, parks@somersct.gov

For routine requests, please email Bruce.

Update:

1. Field 5: fine grading is complete; placing of top soil began in the late spring and will resume this month. New parking lot: placing of the crushed asphalt surface is complete.
2. Intersection improvements Ninth District Road / Main Street:
 - a. Most construction is delayed until spring of 2014;
 - b. Utility companies must complete installation of new poles and wires before drainage and infrastructure improvements can begin.
 - c. There may be some roadwork this fall.
 - d. Ninth DST Road closure is now scheduled for July & August of 2014
3. Town Hall fields: Drainage is complete.
4. Town Hall parking lot is complete.

Vandalism Report:

- Trash dumped around the upper parking lot continues to be a problem.
- 2012 / 2013 winter, picnic tables were flipped over and used for snowboarding. No damage, we have bolted the tables down.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Rolland

Deputy Director of Public Works

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- Rec Dept. Report

Recreation Coordinator Report

October 7, 2013

PERMITS

New Permits for Summer/Fall (ALL have been approved...since no rec meeting last month)

SOMERS PONYTAIL SOFTBALL-Field 1, 2, 3 Mon-Fri 5-8, Sat 3-5

NWS ELITE SOFTBALL-Field 1, Mon 5-7 every other week

SOMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

SOMERS RANGERS-Field 4, Aug, Sept, Oct Tue/Thu 5-7, Sat 9-1, Sun 2-4

CHRIS CORKUM-Field 4, Through Oct 5th, See dates on permit

FLAG FOOTBALL-Lighted softball out field, Tues/Fri 6pm-9pm

CO-ED SOFTBALL- Field 1 and 3, Sundays

SOMERS SOCCER Assoc-See permit for all fields, 5pm-dark through 11/1/13

SOMERS HIGH SCHOOL-Soccer/Cross Country 8/30-11/1, M-F 2:30-5:00

NEW PROGRAMS Starting FALL

ZUMBA-starting September 18th, Wednesday nights 6-7pm
ZUMBA TONING- starting September 21, Saturday mornings 9-10am
TAI CHI-starting September 13th, Friday mornings 9-10am

DONNY MARSHALL One Day Basketball Clinic, 10/4/13 from 5:30-8:30pm
To register, visit www.allprosports.us

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL, Starts October 21st, NEW registration process, visit rec site to register.

KARA WOLTERS Dream Big Basketball Clinic, 11/2/2013 from 9:00-12:30pm
To Register, visit <http://somers.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>

TRICK OR TREAT EVENT: Trick or Treat the halls of the town hall from 3:00-5:00pm. Canned good donation to support Local Food Pantry suggested. Recreation will have crafts and activities for kids.

TRIPS

Trips through Recreation Department: Day trips-open to all ages
3 Day Pennsylvania Dutch Tour, April 29-May 1st, \$389.00pp

Contact Somers Recreation, 860-763-4379 for info/registration for all trips listed

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATES:

CO ED Softball UPDATE:

Fall Co-ed Softball has started. 9 teams paid, waiting on 1 team to pay.
Total collected with the 9 teams is \$675.00
Total expenses for balls is \$432.00
NET \$243.00.

TOT Soccer UPDATE:

Total registrations is 27 kids.
Fees collected \$1215.00
Total expenses (balls, shirts, medals) \$510.00
Coaches \$300.00
NET \$405.00

Pavilion Rental Fees:

Fee for rental of the Pavilion at Connors Place, Lower Pavilion and Kibbe Pavilion is \$50.00 for the first 4 hours and \$25.00 for each additional hour thereafter.

Total fees collected for 2013 pavilion rentals to date is: \$2100.00

52 Permits Processed (10 permits no fee charged i.e Veterans, School Functions, etc)

Somers SUMMER CAMPS updates:

- a. ****No rec meeting in September, so this is from last month's report****
Summer Camps were successful. Surveys went out to parents and staff. Survey was done through SurveyMonkey and all surveys came back real positive. No complaints or concerns. report to go out in press with the results.

- Adjournment ó 9:02 pm

- Next meeting ó Monday, November 4th.