

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes - SPECIAL MEETING

13, January 2014 7:00 PM

Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order – 19:02

II. Minutes of prior meeting (12/9)

- a. Motion to approve 12/9 minutes executed by Lou Stetson. 2nd by Steve Woicik and approved by the entire commission members in attendance.

III. Audience/Attendance

- Members – Jeff Jablonski, Steve Woicik, Lou Stetson, Stephanie Gershowitz, Karen McGuane, Ned Lynch
- Non-Members – Todd Rolland, Bruce Urbon, Amy Saada, Mike Rogers and Stephen Gothers

IV. Coordinator Report

Recreation Coordinator Report

January 13, 2014

PERMITS

Special Events and Camps

Great Escape Road Race-**9/13/14**

Skyhawks Camps-**7/14-7/18** (Flag Football)

7/21-7/25 (Mini-Hawk and Multi-sport)

All Pro Sports Donny Marshall Basketball Camp-**7/14-7/18** at MBA

NEW ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

February Vacation Camp-18th-21st at MBA-see flyer

Family Night at SES-Somers Recreation to provide entertainment

PROGRAM UPDATES

ToT Basketball Started January 11th 2014-**18 Registered**

The Following exercise programs are held at Kibbe on an ongoing basis...all classes are walk in welcome. Description and times are on website.

Tai Chi-	Fridays	10:30 -11:30am
Yoga-	Tuesday/Thursday	6:00 -7:00pm
Gentle Yoga-	Tuesday/Thursday	9:45 – 10:45 am
Step Aerobics-	Tuesday/Fridays	8:30-9:15am

TRIPS

Mohegan Sun Day Trip-January 17th, \$20.00

3 Day “Dream Lovers at the TAJ MAJAL, February 18-20th, \$179.00pp

3 Day Pennsylvania Dutch Tour, April 29-May 1st, \$389.00pp

OTHER

Connecticut Youth Sports Concussion Safety Law: Discussion on what sports organizations are doing to comply.

2014/15 Budget Preparation in process.

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

V. DPW Parks Report

Town of Somers Parks Report 01/13/2014

Bruce Urbon (Parks Crew Leader) contact information: (860)763-8234 – Office, parks@somersct.gov

Update:

1. Field #5 (50'/70' field):
 - a. Clay for the infield is stockpiled, we will install the infield in the spring
 - b. Grading continues in bonus area between field #5 outfield and High School softball field
2. Park gate has been relocated to allow parking along the roadway during the winter
3. Bathrooms and kitchen of the Gazebo are being repainted
4. Intersection improvements Ninth District Road / Main Street:
 - a. CL&P has completed moving of the power lines, communication companies should finish moving their lines over the next two months;
 - b. Roadwork is schedule to begin in the spring;
 - c. Ninth DST Road closure is scheduled for July & August of 2014.

Vandalism Report: Mostly quiet ☺

***Clarification:**

There has been some misinformation about the expansion of the 20 acres of Town land adjacent to the

Park / School complex. I'd like to clarify the issue:

- Two and a half years ago while we were looking for ways of relieving the pressure on our existing fields, we "discovered" 20 acres of unused Town land next to the Park / School complex. After discussions with members of the Recreation Commission, Town staff and Board of Education staff, the Town Engineer produced a preliminary first draft of possible recreational uses for this land.
- During our discussions, members of the Recreation Commission expressed an interest in making better use of field #5 and Board of Education staff expressed an interest in solving an issue of Handicapped access to the School track and fields.
- Upon learning of these issues, the DPW agreed to perform the expansion of field #5 for Park use, and install a new accessible parking lot behind the High School to help comply with the Handicapped access issue at the request of the Board of Ed staff.
- All of that work is nearing completion as is noted in update #1 above and has been noted in all of my Parks reports over the two years. The question of what to do with the 20 acre parcel, if anything, is still in early stages. If we move forward with any use of that land we will have to:
 - Produce a workable design
 - Gather public input

- Receive a recommendation from the Recreation Commission
- Submit the design and recommendation to the Board of Education and the Board of Selectman
- Procure funding
- Apply for and receive all required permits from the State and Town
- Go out to bid, Select a contractor...

As you can see this is a long term project that is still “on the drawing board”.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Todd Rolland
 Deputy Director of Public Works
 (860)763-8238 – Office trolland@somersct.gov

VI. Old Business:

- a. Field Use Policy discussion
 - i. Need to complete Rec Commission Assessment.
 - 1. Assessment continues and all members will be reviewing the FUP prior to the next scheduled meeting in February.
 - ii. Final Draft date required.
 - 1. TBD -

VII. New Business:

- a. Field Road Park opportunity – Short term / Long term plan.
 - i. Under review for Rec Commission Member responses.
- b. Commission Member updates.
 - i. Member Changes
 - 1. Rec Commission welcomes Ned Lynch.
 - 2. Rec Commission would also like to recognize previous member Liz Devine for her service while on the Rec Commission.
 - ii. Secretary Role Needs Member Assignment
 - 1. Currently unfilled position. Under review by the entire Rec Commission.

VII: Correspondence – Short term / Long term draft plan will be sent to all members for review.

VIII: Next Meeting – Monday, February 3rd

IX: Adjournment - 21:22