

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2015 7:00 PM
Kibbe Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Jeff Jablonski at 7:00 PM.

II. Members Present:

Jeff Jablonski - Chairman, Steve Woicik –Vice Chairman, Karen McGuane – Secretary
Members Stephanie Gershowitz, Ned Lynch, Jose Rodriguez Lou Stetson

Nonmembers in attendance:

Bruce Urbon – Public Works, Christopher Boucher – Recreation Coordinator

III. Audience: The sign in list of audience members in attendance is attached to the minutes.

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for the January 2nd, 2015 meeting were motioned and unanimously approved. The meeting scheduled for February 2nd, 2015 was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

***All Committee members please note *** There were 2 typographical errors in the minutes approved at this meeting. The date listed at the top stated January 5, 2014 instead of 2015. The next meeting was listed as February 2, 2014 instead of 2015. Karen McGuane will be requesting approval to change these dates & to refile the minutes at the next meeting. She also apologizes for the errors.

V. DPW Report:

The DPW report was reviewed by Bruce Urbon and a copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

VI. Coordinators Report:

The Coordinators report was reviewed by Chris Boucher. All requests for field permits for the spring season were discussed and the majority of the permits will be approved. There are a few conflicts that were reviewed and Chris will be reviewing them with the organizations involved to work out these conflicts. No summer requests for field usage were approved at this meeting.

Chris also reported a new Facebook page has been set up for the Recreation department. This is a work in process and is in the beginning stages. The Recreation Commission would like to express their thanks to Chris for developing this page & looks forward to the positive impact it will make for the town.

VII. Old Business:

Field Use Policy

The board is targeting the 2015 -2016 fiscal year to develop a new field use policy.

VIII. New Business:

- a. Field Road Park opportunity – Short term / Long term plan
The board formally asked all the representatives of the various sports associations in attendance to put together their suggestions for short term & long plans for our town parks.
- b. There was a discussion period where the audience members representing the various sports organizations asked questions regarding field allocations, field improvements, Recreation budget & working with the Parks Department. In addition, there was a request for more activities/camps to be geared to the middle school aged children. There was also a discussion about the need for the organizations to start looking into & applying for grants to help improve their organizations & to defray some of their costs. This was a good 1st step towards improving dialogue between the Recreation Commission & the organizations as well as between the organizations themselves.
- c. The organizations were asked to inform all their coaches to stay off all the town fields until they are officially notified by Todd Rolland that the fields were open. The target date for opening the fields is always April 1st. If the fields are ready before that date, Todd will notify every organization. However, at this point it is very doubtful the fields will be suitable for play any time before April 1st.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to review.

X. Opportunity to add agenda items: No additional agenda items were added.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday April 6th, 2015 Kibbe Fuller Community Center

XII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was called by Karen McGuane; Stephanie Gershowitz was 1st to Motion, and Lou Stetson 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen McGuane – Secretary

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Update:

1. Field Road Park:
 - a. Replacement well pump has been ordered and will be installed in March
 - b. Waterline for the Park domestic water is currently frozen due to the unusual frost this year
2. Town Hall:
Snow banks very high
3. Playground on the Green:
Can't see it right now
4. Intersection improvements Ninth District Road / Main Street:
Punch list items will be completed this year.
5. Library:
Beebe Landscaping finished the fall cleanup in December.
6. Mill Pond:
Is frozen

Vandalism Report:

- Quiet

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Rolland
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